

FLORA OF BRAZIL
State of Maranhão

No. R7810

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Triplaris gardneriana Weddell

Vernacular name: Pajeú

111 km from Balsas on the road to Carolina, approx.
7°29'S 46°45'W.

Mesophytic forest in a hollow by the roadside.

Multi-trunked male tree, 5 m tall. Thicker trunks 10 cm dbh. Bark papery, dark brown with transversely elongated pale lenticels, detaching like paint peeling from a door. Flowers pale greenish cream. No ants present in this specimen. R7809 is a female tree from the same area; the population contains abundant trees of both sexes, with taller specimens reaching 13 m.

According to T. Brandbyge's key (Nord. J. Bot. 6: 545-570 (1986)) for ♂ specimens this is *T. americana* L. since the 3 mm perianth's 4 VIII 1997 ± c. 3-5 mm stamens are too small for *T. gardneriana*.

However, it is probably the latter since the ♀s of the population fit *gardneriana*.

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