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Running title: Palm swamp diversity and composition

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Highlights

- The flora of geographically distant sites was more distinct than those of neighbouring sites.
- The different sites of the palm swamps shared relatively few species.
- All the sites had exclusive species.
- Apparently homogenous palm swamps are floristically heterogeneous.

ABSTRACT

Palm swamps (*veredas*) are floristically diverse wetlands that occur in the typical dry savannah of Central Brazil (Cerrado). In the present study, we evaluated the distribution of plants among different palm swamps (*Mauritia flexuosa* palm swamps), focusing on

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