

Vascular plant species of the Carlos Botelho State Park, state of São Paulo, southeastern Brazil

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RETRACTION

Following the formal request of retraction by the coauthor Renata Giassi Udulutsch of the paper **Vascular plant species of the Carlos Botelho State Park, state of São Paulo, southeastern Brazil**, published in *Check List* 6(1):74-115, and authored by **R. A. F. Lima, V. A. O. Dittrich, V. C. de Souza, A. Salino, T. B. Breier and R. G. Udulutsch**, the Editor-in-chief, the Area Editor responsible for the review process of this paper, and Associated Editors, requested explanations from involved parts.

After careful analysis and discussion of the case it was clear that:

1. there was disagreement among authors regarding use and publication of certain datasets;
2. there was lack of communication between authors;
3. there were technical errors in the manuscript as highlighted by one coauthor, due to 1. and 2.

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We apologize for this situation.

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Leandro Bugoni, *Check List* Editor-in-chief

LETTER FROM THE CORRESPONDING AUTHOR: I would like assume entire responsibility for problems reported above, and apologize to coauthors, readers, editors and the *Check List* for any problem caused by the present situation.

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