

Platystele compacta, comb. nov.

Stelis compacta Ames Orch. 3 (1908) 76, t. 53. The genus *Platystele* is at present confined to Central America and as now limited contains only two species, *P. bulbinella* Schltr. from Costa Rica and the present species which was described originally from material collected in Guatemala by H. von Tuerckheim. These species are very closely related, *P. bulbinella* being a much stouter plant than *P. compacta*, with longer leaves and a more robust raceme, but with very similar flowers. An examination of more material than I have seen may prove that the Costa Rican species is simply a larger form of *P. compacta*.