

Aspidogyne roseoalba (Dressler) Ormerod,
comb. nov.

Basionym: *Erythrodes roseoalba* Dressler,
Orquidea (Mex.) 13:257, 1993. TYPE:
PANAMA. Veraguas: ridge E of Cerro
Tute (actually Cerro Arizona), NW of
Santa Fe, 1000–1200 m, 30 October
1977, *R.L. Dressler 5736* (Holotype:
MO).

Synonym: *Platythelys roseoalba* (Dressler)
Szlach., *Fragm. Fl. Geobot., Suppl.*
3:115, 1995.

Distribution: Costa Rica; Panama.

Dressler (1993) compared this attractive little plant to *Platythelys maculata* (W.J. Hook.) Garay and *P. vaginata* (W.J. Hook.) Garay. Whilst it does share some superficial vegetative similarity with the two latter species, it however agrees in floral characters (e.g. column build and the entire epichile) with other Mesoamerican members of the genus *Aspidogyne* such as *A. stictophylla* (Schltr.) Garay and *A. tuerckheimii* (Schltr.) Garay.