

SCAPHYGLOTTIS DENSA (Schltr.) B. R. Adams comb. nov.

Pachystele densa Schltr. in Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni. Veg. Beih. 19:
29, 1923. Type: Costa Rica, La Palma, Sept. 1921, Wercklé 71
(holotype B, destroyed).

Of the five species at one time included in Pachystele Schltr. one was originally described in Scaphyglottis and the remainder, with the exception of P. densa have since been transferred to that genus. Doubts as to the distinctness of P. densa from S. jimenezii Schltr. probably explain the reluctance of previous authors to treat it similarly but it is in fact well separated by a number of vegetative features, particularly the nature of the stem-sheaths which are smooth with acute apices rather than verrucose and truncate.