

A NEW COMBINATION IN SOUTH AMERICAN LINUM

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Review of the Linaceae for the Flora Illustrada Catarinense¹ reveals the need for the following new combination:

LINUM LITTORALE St. Hil. var. OBLONGIFOLIUM (Urban) Rogers.

Linum junceum St. Hil. var. oblongifolium Urban.

Type: Glaziou 8285, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil (K).

St. Hilaire's L. junceum appears to be the same as his L. littorale, a much more widely used name. Var. oblongifolium differs from the typical variety in possessing broader leaves (lance-ovate or broader) and more leafy inflorescence. It ranges intermittently in Brasil from Minas Gerais south to Santa Catarina, with most collections having come from near Rio de Janeiro. The only species with which it might be confused is L. smithii, Mildner (Phytologia 23: 439. 1972), which is also found in Santa Catarina. It differs in several ways, especially the absence of stipular glands which are present and prominent in L. smithii.

¹ P. Raulino Reitz (ed.)