

## *Lysurus mokusin*



*Lysurus mokusin* © Pat Leonard

**Egg:** ovoid, white, gelatinous texture, to 30 mm diameter; with white rhizomorphs at the base; the egg remnants are seen as a white-coloured volva at the base of the mature fruiting body's stem.

**Fruiting body:** consisting of 4 to 6 fluted arms that are united at the apex in a spire; the arms rugulose/wrinkled and a dark pink; the gleba or fruiting surface is carried between the arms and is moist and olivaceous brown.

**Stipe:** fluted with 4 – 6 buttresses supporting the columnar hollow stem; 100 – 150 × 25 - 30 mm; surface showing cellular structure, pale pink but darker on the buttresses.

**Smell:** weakly foetid.

**Spore print:** olivaceous brown.

**Spores:** ellipsoid; 4 – 5.5 × 2 – 2.5 µm; smooth.

**Habitat:** on forest litter, compost and wood-chip mulch on gardens, lawns, and even on hard-packed soil, where it may be solitary or occur in small groups.

**Notes:** this stinkhorn is described from China, but has been reported by Bailey and others from Queensland. It does not appear to be known elsewhere in Australia.

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