

Microporus xanthopus



Microporus xanthopus © Sapphire McMullan Fisher

- Fruit body:** flat to broadly funnel shaped; 20 – 60 mm diameter; tough and leathery.
- Upper surface:** dry, shiny; strongly banded in shades of buff and rich brown with the outer edge of the cap cream to white.
- Lower surface:** cream to white.
- Pores:** decurrent; white; pores minute, 7–10 per mm.
- Stipe:** central to slightly eccentric, broadly cylindrical but usually widening towards the base; 10 – 45 × 2 – 8mm; tough; attached to the substrate by a disc; cream or pale buff, but may be banded like the upper surface and the basal disc is yellow.
- Flesh:** very thin, 1–3 mm.
- Spore print:** white
- Spores:** ellipsoid; 3.5–4 × 2–2.5µm; smooth.
- Substrate:** wood, including branches and logs.
- Habitat:** forests, woodlands and parklands.
- Frequency:** common.
- Notes:** this species is recognised by its distinctive stem with a yellowish disc at the base.