

## *Scleroderma areolatum*



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**Fruit body:** ovoid to pyriform (like an upturned pear); 15 – 35 mm diameter; covered in small brown squamules that wash off leaving a reticulate pattern; yellowish brown, reddish brown or even pinkish brown.

**Stipe:** small to rudimentary whitish pseudostipe.

**Gleba:** deep purplish brown, marbled.

**Flesh:** thin, whitish.

**Spore print:** dark brown.

**Spores:** globose;  $11 - 14 \times 11 - 14 \mu\text{m}$ ; echinulate with spines up to  $2,5 \mu\text{m}$  high.

**Basidia:** not seen.

**Habitat:** in soil under *Eucalyptus* and other trees.

**Notes:** distinguished from the very similar *S. verrucosum* by its brown fruit body and larger spores.

**Collections examined:**