

Amanita umbrinella



Amanita umbrinella © Pat Leonard

Cap: convex becoming applanate; 70 – 80 mm diameter; glabrous, but breaking in to patches (rimose) as it ages; brownish grey, grey buff (6C4, 6D4); velar remains as one or more flat white patches on cap; margin appendiculate.

Stipe: clavate rather than bulbous; 70 – 90 × 10 – 25 mm; glabrous, but with matt membranous velar remains forming a ring and floccules; no velar remains evident at base.

Gills: free; quite thick; white to cream; with a single series of lamellulae irregularly present.

Flesh: thick, white.

Taste: not sampled.

Spore print: white.

Spores: ellipsoid; 8.3 – 9.5 × 5.4 – 6.9 μm , average $8.8 \pm 0.35 \times 6 \pm 0.5 \mu\text{m}$, $Q = 1.28 - 1.65$, average $Q = 1.47 \pm 0.13$; inamyloid, with dark (oil?) globules.

Basidia: clavate and 4 spored.

Pleurocystidia: ovid to pyriform cells.

Pileipellis: a cutis of repent hyphae 5 – 8 μm wide; velar remains a mix of hyphae and ovoid cells.

Habitat: Growing in sand in wet Wallum woodland under *Melaleuca quinquinervia*.

Notes: This keys clearly to *A. umbrinella* in Wood, but has distinctly smaller and more ellipsoid spores. Wood remarks that this is a species complex and the Queensland material may well be different to that recorded elsewhere in Australia. This species is recognised by the combination of a grey buff cap, clavate stem with a ring and no volva, and inamyloid ellipsoid spores.

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