

Campanella pustulata



Campanella pustulata © Pat Leonard

Cap: convex, dorsally attached; 8 – 10 mm diameter, 5 mm tall; greasy gelatinous surface; opaque white.

Stipe: absent.

Gills: three to four gills run from the margin to a common lateral point; strongly interveined and anastomosing to form a reticulum.

Flesh: white, very gelatinous, not changing colour with age.

Taste:

Spore print: white.

Spores: amygdaliform; $9.5 - 10.5 \times 6.5 - 7.5 \mu\text{m}$.

Basidia:

Pleurocystidia:

Pileipellis: a loose cutis of hyaline hyphae which are strongly gelatinised, clamps present.

Habitat: growing in quite large numbers on dead (and dying?) stems of *Lantana camara*.

Notes: of the *Campanella* species reported for Australia, this collection approximates most closely to *C. pustulata*, and most characters conform to Pegler's description. However, the host is very different and the basidiome and lamellae do not redden with age. It is therefore possible that this is a South American species introduced with its host.

Collections examined: PL63410, Mt Mee, Lil Spadizer, 24 April 2010.