

Cantharellus 'brunneus'



Cantharellus 'brunneus' © Pat Leonard

Cap: more or less centrally depressed, 25 – 35 mm diameter, matt, brownish orange, margin mostly deeply lobed.

Stipe: cylindrical, tapering downwards but only slightly, a much paler brown than the cap.

Gills: folds decurrent, cream, strongly interveined.

Flesh: firm, white to very pale brown, relatively thin for a chanterelle.

Taste: pleasant but not distinctive.

Spore print: white.

Spores: broadly ellipsoid; $6.3 - 8.3 \times 4.5 - 6.3 \mu\text{m}$, $Q = 1.37$.

Basidia: narrowly clavate; mostly 5 spored.

Pleurocystidia:

Pileipellis:

Substrate: on fertile blackish soil on a moist bank.

Habitat: dry sclerophyll forest with *Eucalypt* sp.

Notes: Cleland described a fungus from South Australia as *Cantharellus brunneus*. Stevenson later transferred this to the genus *Hygrophorus*, and then Grgurinovic transferred it to *Hygrocybe*. That was not the same species as is described here.

Collections examined: Specimen missing!