

*Craterellus australis*



*Craterellus australis* © Katie Syme

**Cap:** funnel shaped (infundibuliform), 8 – 45 mm diameter. Surface smooth but uneven, dark grey to almost black. Cap margin wavy.

**Stipe:** distinctly tapering towards the base, hollow, 30 – 50 × 3 – 8 mm, distinctly uneven, pitted, pale grey.

**Gills:** absent, with vein like folds that may branch, greyish.

**Flesh:** soft and fibrous with a pleasant smell.

**Taste:**

**Spores:** ellipsoid, smooth, 9 – 12 × 7 – 8 µm.

**Basidia:** Clavate to subclavate, 55 – 90 µm, four spored

**Pleurocystidia:** absent.

**Pileipellis:** of longitudinal thick walled hyphae, 5 – 9 µm wide.

**Habitat:** growing in groups in sandy soil in Wallum and other sandy heathland places.

**Collections examined:** AQ795596, Yidney Scrub, Fraser Island, Katie Syme, 7 Apr 2011.

**Notes:** The small greyish black funnel shaped fungi with a grey lower surface, is distinctive. This is a seldom recorded Australian species that is placed in the Genus *Cantharellus* by Corner.