

*Cyptotrama aspratium*



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**Cap:** convex then planoconvex; 20 - 50 mm diameter; orange (5A7) at first becoming yellow (3A4) with age; covered in pointed conical scales which fall off as the fruiting body matures; white velar remains present

**Stipe:** cylindrical with a sub-bulbous base; 15 - 40 x 3 - 5 mm; concolorous with cap; covered in scales like cap, but those at the base are less acute and tend to persist

**Gills:** white; adnate with a decurrent tooth; widely spaced; in two or occasionally three series; 18 - 20 lamellae reach stipe

**Flesh:** white, thin

**Spore print:** white.

**Spores:** globose; 5 - 7 $\mu$ m

**Cheilocystidia:** 40 - 60  $\times$  8 - 12  $\mu$ m

**Pileipellis:** not examined

**Habitat:** growing in groups on wood, usually medium sized fallen branches, in wet situations such as creek edges, in wet sclerophyll or rain forest habitats

**Notes:** The bright orange cap with conical scales on wet wood in rainforests allow this fungus to be easily identified in the field. Single mature specimens which have lost their scales can be more difficult, but the presence of scales near the base of the stipe is a good indicator.

**Collections examined:** PL 201108, Black Mountain near Pomona, 30 Nov 08.