

## *Descolea recedens*



### *Descolea recedens* © Fran Guard

**Cap:** convex to bell shaped, 12 – 20 mm diameter. Dark brown and covered with slightly paler scales.

**Stipe:** cylindrical or slightly wider at the base, 30 - 50 mm tall with a prominent striate ring about 2/3rds of the way up the stem.

**Gills:** quite distant, cinnamon brown and are often attached to the stem by a small decurrent tooth.

**Flesh:** thin, brownish.

**Taste:**

**Sore print:** ochraceous brown, similar to *Cortinarius*.

**Spores:** amygdaliform (bean shaped) with distinct warts, 10.5 – 13.5 × 6.5 – 8.5 µm.

**Basidia:** clavate, 30 – 40 × 8 – 12 µm, four spored.

**Pleurocystidia:** absent.

**Pileipellis:**

**Habitat:** found in wet sclerophyll forests in Queensland but reported from other habitats in Victoria and Western Australia.

**Notes:** the very prominent striate ring and ochraceous brown spores are the distinctive features of this fungus. *D. maculata* has also been reported from Queensland but has orange scales on the cap.

**Collections examined:** Linda Garret, Mapleton, Fran Guard.