

Fistulinella mollis



Fistulinella mollis © Pat Leonard

Pileus: convex; 35 - 80 mm diameter; viscid to glutinous; caramel brown (8F8); margin appendiculate.

Stipe: Cylindrical, tall and slender; 50 - 80 × 6 - 12 mm; white at apex, pale pinkish brown further down with rusty to blackish brown fibrillose streaks at very base.

Pores: adnexed; more or less rounded; ivory to pale pink, then vinaceous; very soft, spongy.

Flesh: watery white, gelatinized under pileus cuticle, white in stipe, pinkish buff watery from apex of stipe into pileus.

Spore print: pale pinkish brown.

Spores: amygdaliform to fusoid; 12.5 - 16.5 × 4.5 - 6.5 µm.

Habitat: in temperate rain and wet sclerophyl forests; the most recorded species in Australia, very common in Tasmania, few records in Queensland.

Collections: AQ1115492, Fraser Island National Park, R.E. Halling, 6 Jun 2009; PL8414, Coolum National Park, Pat Leonard, 4 Apr 2014..

Notes: A small soft fleshed caramel brown bolete with pinkish pores. Watling & Gregory cite a Fuhrer illustration for this species (page 81 of the 1985 edition). Fuhrer himself suggests that there are several other colour variants. There are over 400 observations and 35 collections of this species it appears to be the default *Fistulinella* name.