

*Geastrum australe*



*Geastrum australe* © Pat Leonard

**Exoperidium:** white at first, becoming ochraceous; breaking in to 6 rays; fleshy; not recurved or fornicate; not trapping debris; up to 25 mm diameter.

**Stipe:** absent, endoperidium sessile.

**Endoperidium:** ovoid, pale cream becoming ochraceous; 8 × 8 mm; glabrous.

**Peristome:** fimbriate, not distinctly defined.

**Flesh:** thick.

**Spore print:** brown ochraceous.

**Spores:** globose; 5 - 6 × 5 - 6 µm excluding ornamentation, with prominent blunt spines to ± 1 µm.

**Habitat:** growing singly in mixed litter on the edge of dry sclerophyll forest and a rainforest remnant with *Araucaria*.

**Notes:** this small ochraceous, sessile earthstar is difficult to identify in the field.

**Collections examined:** PL14309, Peach Trees, Jimna State Forest, P. Leonard, 19 Mar 2009.