

Geastrum saccatum



Geastrum saccatum © Jon Atkinson

Exoperidium: white, breaking in to ± 8 rays, somewhat recurved; not trapping debris; up to 25 mm diameter; underside white to very pale grey.

Stipe: absent.

Endoperidium: ovoid, pale grey; 10 - 15 mm wide by 6 - 10 mm high; smooth

Peristome: fibrillose, dark grey.

Flesh: thin.

Spores: brown ochraceous; globose; $4 - 5 \times 4 - 5 \mu\text{m}$ excluding ornamentation, with a few blunt warts $< 1 \mu\text{m}$.

Habitat: growing in large colonies in litter consisting mainly of *Banksia* leaves and bark in an open area on the edge of Wallum forest.

Notes: the shape of this earthstar with no stipe, a squat grey endoperidium and a pale base which does not trap debris may allow it to be identified in the field.

Collections examined: PL29609, Banksia Beach track, Bribie Island, Pat Leonard, 27 Jun 09.