

Geastrum velutinum



Geastrum velutinum © Pat Leonard

Exoperidium: pale reddish brown, breaking in to 5 - 7 rays, split in to 2 layers on drying up, up to 30 mm diameter; covered in velvety hairs; not trapping debris.

Stipe: absent, endoperidium sessile.

Endoperidium: globose; brown; up to 20 mm diameter, tomentose..

Peristome: well defined, fibrillose, conical.

Flesh: thin.

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

Habitat: growing in sandy soil in needle litter under *Callitris columellaris*.

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

Collections examined: PL 21409, Marcus Beach, Noosa National Park, Pat Leonard, April 2009; GE 008 Tin Can Bay, Gretchen Evans; May 2009 (?); PL 21409, Marcus Beach, Noosa National Park, Pat Leonard, 14 Mar 2012.