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**Cap:** convex with a small but distinct umbilicus; 10 – 25 mm diameter; viscid; dark green to grass green, fading to brown with age; margin straite.

**Stipe:** cylindrical; 15 – 40 × 1.5 – 3 mm; viscid; dark green to grass green.

**Gills:** subdecurrent to decurrent; paler than cap, greenish cream, with a distinct darker glutinous thread along the edge of the lamellae.

**Flesh:** thin, pale green.

**Chemical reactions:**

**Spores:** white, ellipsoid to oblong; 5.5 – 8 × 3.5 – 5 µm.

**Basidia:**

**Cheilocystidia:** not seen, but distinct hyphae that look like pseudoparathesis surround the basidia.

**Pleurocystidia:** absent.

**Pileipellis:** an ixotrichoderm.

**Habitat:** growing in small troops in litter at the base of an unidentified rainforest tree.

**Notes:** The viscid grass green cap and stipe, combined with paler gills with a dark, viscid removable thread at their edge allow this species to be recognised in the field. It appears to be common in South East Queensland.

**Collections examined:** PL39310, Mt Cordeaux Track, Cunningham’s Gap, Jon Atkinson, 13 March 2010.