**Laccaria proxima**

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**Cap:** convex; 30 – 50 mm diameter; glabrous when young but breaking in to very fine squamules at maturity, hygrophanous; pale reddish brown (7C6), dried apricot (6C6); margin somewhat inrolled.

**Stipe:** cylindrical; 50 – 50 × 6 – 10 mm; striate to almost ridges in some specimens; reddish brown with tomentose white at base.

**Gills:** adnexed; pink; lamellulae in 1 series.

**Flesh:** thin, pale pinkish white.

**Spores:** white; subglobose to ellipsoid; 7.5 – 10 × 6 – 7.5 μm; with spines to 1 μm.

**Basidia:** clavate; four spored, 35 – 50 × 8 – 12 μm; sterigmata ± 5 μm.

**Pleurocystidia:** not seen.

**Pileipellis:** a cutis

**Habitat:** growing in large troops under hybrid *Pinus caribaea* and *Pinus elliottii* in commercial plantations.

**Notes:** This robust *Laccaria* seems to be frequent in commercial pine plantations and is associated with a number of US and Caribbean pines. It may have been introduced through the inoculation of the pine seedlings.

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