

Lepista sublilacina



Lepista sublilacina © Pat Leonard

Cap: applanate; 30 - 60 mms diameter; pale violet (18A3) when fresh, bleaching in sun to pale greyish brown (6B3); glabrous, margins inrolled.

Stipe: cylindrical, occasionally swollen towards base; 50 - 60 × 6 - 10 mms, white with a very faint tinge of the cap colour, browning with age.

Gills: adnate, pale pinkish violet when fresh; intercalated in four series.

Flesh: white, tough.

Spores: very pale greyish pink; ellipsoid; finely punctate; 5 - 7 × 3 - 5 µm.

Cheilocystidia: absent.

Dermatocystidia: absent.

Pileipellis: a cutis of filamentous hyphae with clamp connections.

Habitat: in groups, sometimes caespitose, growing in leaf litter or mulch, in forests parks and gardens.

Notes: This pale violet *Lepista* cannot easily be separated from *L. endota* without careful measurement of spore sizes. It appears to be widespread in South East Queensland and seems to be spreading with the use of cane and other commercial mulches used by garden contractors.

Collections examined: PL 19507, Mary Cairncross Reserve, Maleny, 29 May 2007.