

Microglossum viride



Microglossum viride © Fran Guard

Fruit body: a grooved, flattened, slender, club; 50 - 70 × 3 - 7 mm; rubbery smooth; bluish-green to olive-green.

Stem: narrower than the fertile upper part and paler in colour; no clear upper boundary.

Spores: cylindrical fusiform; 15 - 21 × 5 - 6 µm; hyaline, with four distinctive segments each with an oil droplet.

Asci: each ascus contains eight spores.

Substrate: soil and often in moss.

Habitat: forests including rainforests.

Frequency: very rare.

Notes: These club shaped fungi are distinctively bluish green, rather rubbery looking and grow on soil. They are often found in groups. This is a very rare species. Rather similar green *Geoglossum* species are distinguished by different spores.