

Tremella mesenterica



Tremella mesenterica © Sapphire McMullan Fisher

Fruiting body: 8 - 50 mm radius; this extensively lobed jelly fungus usually has a central point of attachment; the texture is soft, gelatinized and moist to touch; colours vary between yellow and orange.

Flesh: and yellow to orange, it is thicker when wet.

Spores: ovoid to ellipsoid, $10 - 16 \times 7 - 8 \mu\text{m}$.

Substrate: wood.

Habitat: very wide spread from mangrove swamps to mountain forests.

Notes: There are other species of *Tremella*, but none has the combination of prominent leaf like lobes and yellow to orange colours that distinguish this species.

This *Tremella* parasitizes *Peniophera* fungi.

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