

Heimioporus japonicus (Hongo) Horak



Heimioporus japonicus © Pat Leonard

Cap: convex becoming planoconvex; 35 – 50 mm diameter; velutinous; dark red to red brown; margin slightly appendiculate.

Stipe: cylindrical to slightly clavate; 50 – 70 × 12 – 15 mm; ridged on upper third, some ridges flattened; covered in deep red pruina giving overall red appearance; base pale yellow to cream.

Pores: bright yellow, becoming pale orange; overlain with a maze like network; 2 – 3 per mm.

Flesh: yellow in cap and upper stipe, white below; unchanging.

Taste:

Spore print:

Spores: amygdaliform; 9.7 – 15.7 × 5.5 – 9.4 μm ; average $12.2 \pm 1.5 \times 7.1 \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$, $Q = 1.3 - 2.4$, average $Q = 1.7 \pm 0.29$; pitted, reticulate; brown in KOH.

Basidia: clavate; 25 – 35 × 10 – 13 μm ; four spored.

Cheilocystidia: clavate to subcapitate; 20 – 35 × 10 – 15 μm .

Pileipellis: a trichoderm; clamp connections absent.

Substrate: sand.

Habitat: in Wallum heathland with *Melaleuca quinquinervia*.

Notes: this collection fits well with Halling and Fechner's description of the species from Australia. It looks like a *Boletellus* but the odd striations at the top of the stipe seem to be distinctive. Confirmed by the reticulate pitted spores. Halling now thinks this may not be the same as the species in Japan and recent DNA evidence confirms this view!

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