

## *Armillaria novae-zelandiae*



*Armillaria novae-zelandiae* © Pat Leonard

**Cap:** convex to applanate, subumbonate; 30 – 100 mm diameter; viscid; hazel to yellowish brown, with darker brown squamules towards the centre of the cap; hardly peeling.

**Stipe:** cylindrical with a bulbous or sub-bulbous base; often caespitose and in large troops; 50 – 120 × 5 – 10 mm; fibrillose; pinkish above annulus, drab brown to sepia below.

**Gills:** sinuate to subdecurrent; white becoming cream.

**Flesh:** off white, unchanging.

**Taste:** mild.

**Chemical reactions:** not noted.

**Spores:** white; ellipsoid; 7 – 8 × 4.5 – 5µm, inamyloid.

**Basidia:** clavate, hyaline four-spored.

**Pleurocystidia:** absent.

**Pileipellis:** a cutis of tightly woven brownish hyphae.

**Habitat:** very common in cool temperate rainforest in New Zealand and Australia.

**Notes:** recognised by its cap colour, mild taste, and bulbous base. It is often found in very large clusters. We need a good collection from Lamington or Springbrook!

**Collections examined:** Lake Daniels Track, Lewis Pass, New Zealand, Pat Leonard.