

Auricularia delicata



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Macrocharacters: fruit bodies soft rubbery gelatinous; reddish brown; sessile to substipitate; reniform to semicircular; up to 80 mm diameter by 1 - 2 mm thick; pileus minutely tomentose to almost glabrous, with fine hyaline hairs; hymenium conspicuously meruloid to porose reticulate, with veins a pale cream reddish to pinkish colour and the hymenium surface reddish to pinkish cream; whole fungus translucent when held up to the light.

Microscopic characters: pileus made up of densely compacted gelatinised hyphae with cuticular hairs $60 - 175 \times 5 - 6 \mu\text{m}$, with rounded tips; basidia $40 - 45 \times 4 - 5 \mu\text{m}$, cylindrical, with 3 transverse septa; spores allantoid with 2 - 3 prominent oil globules, $10 - 13 \times 5 - 6 \mu\text{m}$.

Habitat: growing in gregarious or caespitose groups, occasionally solitary.

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Notes: This fungus is readily recognised by its reticulate to poroid pale coloured veining on the hymenium.