

Amauroderma rude



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Cap: applanate to centrally depressed, but usually strongly irregular; 60 - 120 mms diameter; strongly zoned in different shades of brown with a cream outer ring, texture irregular, woody. .

Stipe: central or eccentric, cylindrical but irregular and usually attenuated towards the base; 200 × 10 - 20 mms; dark brown, velvety to felty, attached insitiously to wood, with no ring.

Pores: decurrent to subdecurrent, 2 - 4 per mm; white to cream turned brown by the spores.

Flesh: thick and woody, pale brown staining vinaceous on bruising then slowly black; see fruiting body rear right in photograph.

Spore print: brown.

Spores: ellipsoid; 8 - 10 × 7 μm, Q = 1.3; thick walled with fine dotted ornamentation at ×1000.

Cheilocystidia: not seen

Pileipellis: trimitic.

Habitat: single specimens found growing on buried wood in rainforest, coastal and wet sclerophyll habitats, often appearing to be growing in soil.

Notes: A polypore related to the *Ganodermas*, this fungus can at first sight appear to be a Bolete or a Laccocephalum because it is often found growing out of the soil. The woody brown-zoned cap, attachment to wood and red brown staining of the pores when damaged are clear pointers to its identity.

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