

Collybia aff confluens



Collybia aff confluens © Pat Leonard

Synonym: *Gymnopus confluens*.

Cap: centrally depressed, undulate; 15 – 20 mm diameter; more or less smooth, matt; pale pinkish buff; margin distinctly striate.

Stipe: cylindrical to flattened, tough, leathery; 20 – 40 × 1 – 2.5 mm; covered in minute white hairs, particularly on the upper 2/3rds, brownish below; caespitose.

Gills: sub-decurrent, sometimes with a hint of a collarium; distant and shallow, lamellulae present; paler than cap.

Flesh: thin, tough, buff.

Taste:

Spore print: white.

Spores: ellipsoid to somewhat flattened on one side; 7 – 8 × 4.5 – 5.5 μ m.

Basidia: clavate, four spored.

Pleurocystidia: not observed.

Pileipellis: a cutis with a rameales type structure of interwoven hyphae.

Substrate: growing in leaf and twig litter.

Habitat: in wet sclerophyll forest.

Notes: clearly this is not *Collybia confluens*, there are too many points of difference, but it bears some resemblance to that fungus in its size and caespitose habit. It also resembles some *Marasmius* species but the pileipellis structure is wrong. Does not key out in Funkey, Grgurinovic or in other Australian field guides

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