

Collybia kurara



Collybia kurara © Fran Guard

Cap: planoconvex with a central depression; 18 – 50 mm diameter; pale cinnamon pink (7C3) drying almost white; matt; radially striate when old.

Stipe: more or less flattened, caespitose; 25 – 35 × 2 - 3 mm; cartilaginous, tough; velutinate with very short whitish hairs; pale towards apex, concolourous with cap towards base with a slight grey tinge.

Gills: adnate to subdecurrent; moderately spaced; edge eroded; colour as cap but paler; lamellulae present in two series; gills attached to a pseudocollarium next to the stipe.

Flesh: thin, off white.

Taste: not known.

Chemical reactions:

Spore print: white.

Spores: elongated ellipsoid, lacrymoid; 8.8 – 9.9 × 4.9 – 6 µm, average 9.4 ± 0.3 × 5.1 ± 0.25 µm, Q = 1.65 – 2, average Q = 1.82 ± 0.1, inamyloid, thin walled.

Basidia: not seen.

Chielocystidia: irregularly clavate or fusoid with an apical rostrate excrescence.

Pileipellis: an ixocutis?

Habitat: growing in leaf litter in dry sclerophyll forests but becoming common in mulch and road edges.

Notes: this small *Collybia* is recognised in the field by its caespitose habit and tough velutinous stipe and confirmed by its relatively large spores for a member of this genus.

Collections examined: F2013061 Dilkusha, Maleny, Fran Guard, 18 Feb 2013, PL6313, Twin Waters, Maroochydore, Pat Leonard, 4 Mar 2013.