

Cortinarius fibrillosus



Cortinarius fibrillosus © Pat Leonard

Cap: conical; 15 – 20 mm diameter; strongly fibrillose; a mid brown with darker fibrils on a paler background; margin distinctly inrolled.

Stipe: cylindrical; 15 × 3 – 4 mm; white, overlain by hyaline white vertical fibrils.

Gills: adnexed, crowded; buff to pale brown.

Flesh: thin, white.

Smell: not distinctive.

Spore print: pale brown.

Spores: ellipsoid; 8 – 10 × 5 – 7 μm; smooth.

Basidia:

Cheilocystidia: clavate and septate or cattenate, 20 – 50 × 10 – 15 μm, very numerous, forming a sterile edge to the gill.

Pleurocystidia: absent.

Pileipellis: fibrils formed of relatively thick walled hyphae.

Habitat: in rainforest soil and litter along the edge of a path.

Notes: The combination of the very fibrillose conical mid brown cap, white stipe, the smooth spores and the septate/cattenate cystidia define this species. Matheny and Bougher say it is conspecific with *Cortinarius fibrillosus* despite it having smooth spores, no visible cortina and looking very like an *Inocybe* in form and size.

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