

Cymatoderma elegans



Cymatoderma elegans © Pat Leonard

Cap: cap deeply funnel-shaped; 50–250 mm; finely tomentose; radially folded, velvety to hairy when young, but may become almost smooth and wrinkled with age; margin wavy and scalloped to ragged; buff, tan, grey, to lilac, often becoming paler towards edge, lilac tints common in fresh fungi particularly at edge.

Stipe: cylindrical and centrally attached; 50–200 × 5–30 mm; finely velvety to hairy, may become nearly smooth with age; buff or tan; very young specimens may have a very thick stem that merges into the flesh of the upper-surface.

Lower surface: smooth, but irregular; cream, grey to ochre, sometimes with a lilac tint.

Flesh: tough and leathery, pale brown.

Spore print: white.

Spores: not observed.

Basidia: not seen.

Habitat: common on rotten logs in rainforest.

Notes: the combination of the deeply depressed cap, wrinkled surface, leathery under surface, central stem and growing on wood make this fungus unmistakable.

Collections examined: