

Descolea recedens



Descolea recedens © Fran Guard

Cap: convex to bell shaped, 12 – 20 mm diameter; dark brown and covered with slightly paler scales.

Stipe: cylindrical or slightly wider at the base; 30 - 50 mm tall with a prominent striate ring about 2/3rds of the way up the stem.

Gills: quite distant, cinnamon brown and are often attached to the stem by a small decurrent tooth.

Flesh: thin, brownish.

Taste:

Sore print: ochraceous brown, similar to *Cortinarius*.

Spores: amygdaliform (bean shaped); 10.5 – 13.5 × 6.5 – 8.5 µm; with distinct warts.

Basidia: clavate, 30 – 40 × 8 – 12 µm, four spored.

Pleurocystidia: absent.

Pileipellis:

Habitat: found in wet sclerophyll forests in Queensland but reported from other habitats in Victoria and Western Australia.

Notes: the very prominent striate ring and ochraceous brown spores are the distinctive features of this fungus. *D. maculata* has also been reported from Queensland but has orange scales on the cap.

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