

Scleroderma bovista



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Fruit body: irregularly ovoid, tuberous (like a potato); 20 – 50 mm diameter; smooth or with minute squamules; pale yellowish to greyish brown.

Stipe: rudimentary.

Gleba: purplish black, marbled.

Flesh: thin, 1 – 1.5 mm.

Spore print: very dark brown.

Spores: globose to subglobose; $11 - 14.5 \times 11 - 14.5 \mu\text{m}$. with prominent reticulate ornamentation 1 – 2 μm high.

Basidia: not seen.

Habitat: in free draining soils under trees.

Notes: the least common of the sclerodermas in Queensland. It is recognised by the combination of its reticulate spores, lack of a stem, thin peridium and tuber like shape.

Collections examined: