

## *Xylaria grammica*



*Xylaria grammica* © Pat Leonard

**Fruiting body:** cylindrical to slightly ellipsoid with a rounded apex; 35 - 60 × 4 - 8 mm; surface granular, tobacco brown, with short, mostly vertical, cracks showing black or grey giving a distinctive patterned effect.

**Stipe:** distinct black stipe attaching fruit body to substrate; 10 - 20 × 3 - 5 mm; slightly wider at attachment.

**Perithecia:** not studied.

**Flesh:** hard, but eventually dissolving internally to leave just the outer skin.

**Spore print:** tobacco brown.

**Spores:** 10 - 12 × 4 - 5 μm.

**Habitat:** growing singly or in pairs attached to logs in wet sclerophyll forest. Identity of the tree from which the log was derived was not possible.

**Notes:** The largely cylindrical fruit body with rounded apex which is brown with longitudinal grey to black cracks and a distinct black foot should make this species easy to spot. But there is as yet no key to this genus in Queensland so it is not known if there are other similar species. The identification relies on matching with Alan Cribb's description of a find at Iron Range.

**Collections examined:** PL221208, Great Walk, Baroon Pocket, Montville, 11 December 2008.