Leotia lubrica



Leotia lubrica © ANBG

Fruiting body: consisting of a cap and stalk; cap 10 - 20 mm diameter; irregularly convex, with an umbo or sometimes umbilicate; gelatinous; olive brown to orange brown; margin strongly inrolled.

Stipe: cylindrical or somewhat flattened; $30 - 60 \times 4 - 7$ mm; gelatinous, smooth; yellow or ochraceous.

Asci: clavate, narrow at the base; $130 - 140 \times 8 - 12 \mu m$; each containing 8 spores. Spores: fusiform; $20 - 24 \times 5 - 6 \mu m$; four or five septate.

Parathphyses: forked with thickened apices.

Substrate: mossy or damp places.

Habitat: in damp rainforest habitats.

Notes: readily recognizable through the combination of the darker olive or brownish ochre convex cap and the brighter yellow or orange stipe. The common name for this fungus is Jelly Babies.

Collections examined: