

## *Morganella pupurascens*



*Morganella pupurascens* © Megan Prance

**Gleba:** hemispherical with a flat base; 20 × 20 × 15 mm; purplish grey in upper 2/3rds, cream in lower 1/3; covered in shallow dark purple grey scales which split to reveal cream flesh below.

**Stipe:** absent or very rudimentary, broadly attached to substrate.

**Flesh:** thin, cream.

**Spores:** ochraceous to yellowish brown; globose; 3-4 µm, unornamented; no pedicel seen.

**Habitat:** growing in large troops on *Araucaria bidwilli* and other logs, sometimes entirely covering the substrate.

**Notes:** This small *Lycoperdon* like gasteromycete grows on logs and woody debris in large troops, its purplish grey colour and size should make it easy to recognise in the field; it appears to be restricted to rainforest habitats.

**Collections examined:** QMS P8, Paradise Falls Track, Bunya Mountains National Park, Daniel Remy, 28 Mar 09.