Mycena nullawarensis



Mycena nullawarensis © Pat Leonard

Cap: convex, with a flat low umbo; 20 - 25 mm diameter; dry, glabrous; lilaceous pink (17A4); margin striate.

Stipe: cylindrical with a slightly inflated base; $30 - 35 \times 2$ -3 mm; glabrous; greyish lilac pink.

Gills: adnexed; 18 reaching stipe, intercalated in three series; pale lilaceous.

Flesh: white to pale lilaceous.

Smell: strongly raphanoid (of fresh radishes).

Spore print: white.

Spores: ellipsoid; $6 - 8 \times 4 - 6 \mu m$, Q ± 1.5 ; amyloid in Melzer's reagent.

Cystidia: forming a sterile layer along the gill edge, mostly clavate but a few rostrate; $60 \times 14 \mu m$ on average.

Pileipellis: regular hyphae forming a cutis.

Habitat: mixed rainforest with some *Eucalyptus* species, growing on the ground amongst very mixed leaf and bark litter.

Notes: the combination of a relatively large size (for a Mycena), the habitus on litter, violaceous pink colour and raphanoid smell all place this species in Mycena section Calodontes. M. nullawarensis may be distinguished from M. vinacea by the shape of the spores, this species has ellipsoid spores with a Q of about 1.5, whereas those of M. vinacea are narrowly ellipsoid with a Q > 1.75. The cap colour is however closer to that Grgurinovic describes for M.vinosa.

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