

Podoscypha petalodes



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Fresh material
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Same
collecting
location 3
weeks later
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Cap: a series of separately stalked rosettes arising from fan like flattened structures attached at their bases to a stalk; glabrous, leathery; concentrically banded; at first pale cream almost translucent in lower part (top picture) with pinkish red tips, later becoming red brown in main body with pale cream at the upper edge (lower picture).

Stipe: flattened irregular cylindrical; brown in upper part, black below.

Lower surface: smooth and leathery as in stereum.

Flesh: thin, tough.

Chemical reactions:

Spores: not seen in these specimens; reportedly white, ovoid, smooth and $\pm 6 \times 4 \mu\text{m}$.

Habitat: in rainforest growing in a circle very close to the trunk of a living tree.

Notes: Distinctive rosette fungus that changes colour with aging.

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