

Podoscypha venustula ssp *cuneata*



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Cap: infundibuliform; 30 mm diameter, 20 mm high; pruinose, rugulose; brown to reddish brown in centre fading to pinkish fawn on the outer half; indistinct concentric zones.

Stipe: flattened cylindrical, 20 – 35 × 3 – 4 mm; more or less tomentose, yellow to orange brown; attached to substrate by mycelia cluster appearing enclosing debris and appearing to be a bulb.

Hymenial surface: smooth, pruinose as in *Stereum*; paler than cap, pinkish fawn;

Flesh: thin, leathery, dimitic.

Taste:

Spore print: hyaline.

Spores: mostly ellipsoid; 4 – 5.5 × 2.5 – 4.1 μm , average $4.7 \pm 0.5 \times 3.4 \pm 0.4 \mu\text{m}$, $Q = 1.03 - 1.64$, average $Q = 1.4 \pm 0.19$; thin walled, hyaline.

Basidia: clavate, four spored.

Pleurocystidia: absent.

Habitat: in wet sclerophyll forest amongst thick litter layer.

Notes: striking fungus which might best be described as a *Stereum* on a stalk. Seems to occur singly and to be either rare or unrecognised.

Collections examined: PL48313, Mapleton Falls National Park, Blackall Ranges, Pat Leonard, 9 Mar 2013.