

## *Ramaria anziana*



*Ramaria anziana* © Pat Leonard

**Fruiting body:** upright, branched, coral; 60 – 90 mm tall by 40 – 80 mm wide; glabrous; pinkish orange to salmon orange, with a white sock at the base; tips rounded or narrowly rounded.

**Stipe:** fasciculate; white to pinkish cream; 10 – 20 × 6 – 1 mm; often with aborted branches.

**Flesh:** cream.

**Taste:** not determined.

**Smell:** not recorded

**Spore print:** white.

**Spores:** oblong; 7 – 10 × 4 – 5  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $Q = 1.9 - 2$ ; with granular contents.

**Basidia:** clavate; 50 – 70 × 8 – 11  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Habitat:** growing in a small group under *Eucalyptus* spp. in wet sclerophyll forest in a thick litter layer.

**Notes:** there are at least three *Ramaria* species in Queensland that have yellow/orange/salmon colours. *R. anziana* can readily be distinguished from *R. capitata* var *ochraceosalmonicolor* on account of its open coralloid structure in contrast with the compact cauliflower form of var *salmonicolor*. Separating *R. anziana* from *R. samuelsii* is more difficult. In the field *R. anziana* appears to be fasciculate, that is having many stems joined at ground level whereas *R. samuelsii* has a definite single stem. In cases of doubt, the spores should be examined; those of *R. anziana* will on average be well below 10  $\mu\text{m}$  long, those of *R. samuelsii* will on average be well above 10  $\mu\text{m}$  long.

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