

Fistulinella viscida



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Cap: convex to planoconvex; 15 – 30 mm diameter; glabrous, viscid, rugulose; sienna, brown, chocolate brown; margin entire, appendiculate.

Stipe: cylindrical; 15 – 40 × 6– 12 mm; glabrous, white to sordid white; somewhat striate, pale brownish at base.

Pores: adnexed to free, excavated from stipe; violaceous brown, pinkish brown; ovoid and of uneven size.

Flesh: pallid ochraceous, unchanging on exposure to air.

Spores: fusoid; 13.1 – 16.2 × 3.6 – 5.4 µm, average 14.5 ± 0.9 × 4.5 ± 0.5µm, Q = 2.7 – 4.05, average Q = 3.2; surface smooth, unornamented.

Pilepellis: an ixotrichoderm composed of hyaline interwoven hyphae 4 – 6.5 µm wide.

Habitat: solitary in *Eucalyptus* forests.

Material examined: CH021, Chermshire Hills Nature Reserve, Brisbane, Marie Taylor, 31 Mar 2012.

Notes: the small size, sienna to brown convex and very viscid cap, white stem and violaceous pink pores may allow this species to be recognised in the field. Nevertheless it is very rare and there are at least 12 different names for this species in the literature. This is very close to Watling & Gregory's *F. prunicolor* from Queensland.