

Geastrum minimum



Geastrum minimum © Pat Leonard

Exoperidium: white, breaking in to ± 8 rays, somewhat recurved and trapping debris; up to 15 mm diameter.

Stipe: white, cylindrical, 1 - 2 \times 1 mm.

Endoperidium: ovoid, pale grey; 5 \times 5 mm; covered in white farinaceous fugacious warts.

Peristome: fimbriate, dark grey.

Flesh: thin.

Spore print: brown ochraceous.

Spores: globose; 4 - 5 \times 4 - 5 μm excluding ornamentation, with prominent blunt warts to $\pm 1 \mu\text{m}$.

Habitat: growing singly in litter consisting mainly of *Eucalyptus* leaves and bark in an open dry sclerophyll forest.

Notes: the small size of this earthstar combined with the grey fimbriate peristome and presence of a short stem may allow it to be identified in the field.

Collections examined: PL14309, Peach Trees, Jimna State Forest, Pat Leonard, 19 Mar 2009; PL620321; Banksia trail, Bribie Island National Park, Pat Leonard, 25 Mar 2021.