

Geastrum australe



Geastrum australe © Pat Leonard

Exoperidium: white at first, becoming ochraceous; breaking into 6 rays; fleshy; not recurved or fornicate; not trapping debris; up to 25 mm diameter.

Stipe: absent, endoperidium sessile.

Endoperidium: ovoid, pale cream becoming ochraceous; 8 × 8 mm; glabrous.

Peristome: fimbriate, not distinctly defined.

Flesh: thick.

Spore print: brown ochraceous.

Spores: globose; 5 – 6 × 5 – 6 µm excluding ornamentation, with prominent blunt spines to ± 1 µm.

Habitat: growing singly in mixed litter on the edge of dry sclerophyll forest and a rainforest remnant with *Araucaria*.

Notes: this small, ochraceous, sessile earthstar is difficult to identify in the field.

Collections examined: PL14309, Peach Trees, Jimna State Forest, P. Leonard, 19 Mar 2009.