

## *Geastrum saccatum*



*Geastrum saccatum* © Jon Atkinson

**Exoperidium:** white, breaking into  $\pm 8$  rays, somewhat recurved; not trapping debris; up to 25 mm diameter; underside white to very pale grey.

**Stipe:** absent.

**Endoperidium:** ovoid, pale grey; 10 – 15 mm wide by 6 – 10 mm high; smooth.

**Peristome:** fibrillose, dark grey.

**Flesh:** thin.

**Spore print:** brown ochraceous.

**Spores:** globose;  $4 - 5 \times 4 - 5 \mu\text{m}$  excluding ornamentation, with a few blunt warts  $< 1 \mu\text{m}$ .

**Habitat:** growing in large colonies in litter consisting mainly of *Banksia* leaves and bark in an open area on the edge of Wallum forest.

**Notes:** the shape of this earthstar with no stipe, a squat grey endoperidium and a pale base which does not trap debris may allow it to be identified in the field.

**Collections examined:** PL29609, Banksia Beach track, Bribie Island, Pat Leonard, 27 Jun 2009.