

Bovista apedicellata



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Fruiting body: globose to ovoid, 20 – 45 mm diameter, matt, brilliant chestnut brown.

Exoperidium: chestnut brown, thin, breaking into small plates.

Stipe: a small pseudostipe is present but forms not much more than an extra thickening of the exoperidium at the base.

Endoperidium: chestnut brown.

Gleba: homogeneous; chestnut brown to rusty brown; somewhat viscid in fresh specimens, no sterile layer, bovistoid.

Flesh: brown, unchanging.

Spores: globose, $3.7 - 4.7 \times 3.1 - 4 \mu\text{m}$, average $4 \pm 0.3 \times 3.7 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{m}$, $Q = 1.01 - 1.17$, average $Q = 1.09 \pm 0.05$.; faintly ornamented, verruculose; pedicel attachment point visible.

Substrate: growing on soil.

Habitat: dry sclerophyll forest, with *Corymbia* and *Eucalyptus* as the dominant tree species.

Notes: this chestnut brown puffball is difficult to identify, closest to *B. apedicellata* to which it keys in Cunningham, but not an exact fit.

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