

Fistulinella sp ‘pallida’



Fistulinella sp ‘pallida’ © Pat Leonard

Pileus: convex; 45–60 mm diameter; greasy to glutinous; clay buff to milky coffee coloured, or snuff-brown at disc and fulvous towards margin.

Stipe: clavate, tapered downwards (base 5 mm); 45 – 55 × 6–10 mm; white at apex, yellowish brown to ochraceous to half-way down with blackish-brown fibrillose streaks, white at very base.

Tubes: ivory to pale vinaceous, then vinaceous; pores similarly coloured, large, angular, very soft, spongy.

Flesh: watery, gelatinized under pileus cuticle, white in stipe, pinkish buff watery from apex of stipe into pileus.

Spores: honey-coloured in water and KOH mounts; $8.3 - 11.9 \times 3.4 - 4.3 \mu\text{m}$, average $9.95 \pm 0.8 \times 3.8 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{m}$, $Q = 2.18 - 2.88$, average $Q = 2.6 \pm 0.225$; smooth.

Substrate: in soil on grassy edge of forest.

Habitat: in temperate rain and wet sclerophyll forests.

Notes: a pale cream-coloured, greasy bolete, with large pink pores. The one illustrated above matches the pale variant that Fuhrer illustrated as 291 in his 2009 field guide. He suggests that there are several other colour variants and that they may be *F. mollis*, but both the form of the stipe and the spore sizes make this unlikely.

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