

Heimiomyces tenuipes



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Cap: convex at first becoming applanate, sometimes with a slight umbo; 15 – 120 mm diameter; glabrous, slightly viscid when wet; striate to 2/3rds radius; golden brown, brownish orange (6C8), centre darker brown; margin incurved at first.

Stipe: clavate, hollow; 20 – 100 × 4 – 8 mm; fibrous; velutinate, brownish orange becoming darker toward the base; growing on rotting wood.

Gills: adnexed to sinuate; moderately crowded; greyish yellow becoming yellowish brown.

Flesh: yellowish brown and slightly gelatinous.

Smell: not distinctive.

Spore print: white.

Spores: narrow ellipsoid, oblong; 7 – 9 × 4 – 5 µm; Q = 1.7; pale blue amyloid; smooth.

Basidia: clavate; 25 – 30 × 5 – 7 µm; four-spored.

Cheilocystidia: narrowly cylindrical to subcapitate; 40 – 55 × 4 – 8 µm.

Pleurocystidia: absent.

Pileipellis: a cutis of interwoven long, thick-walled hyphae which appear to be gelatinised.

Habitat: in large groups on rotting wood.

Notes: this golden-brown fungus with a striate cap, tough hollow stem and white spores is difficult to recognise. The white spores that have a pale blue amyloid reaction help confirm its identity. Corner gives two spore size ranges in his description and this collection matches the larger range.

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