

Pholiota sp PL660321



Pholiota sp PL660321 © Pat Leonard

Cap: convex; 25 – 40 mm diameter; squamulose; yellow brown to pale ochre; pointed brown squamules have ends bent upwards at maturity.

Stipe: cylindrical; 40 – 60 × 5 mm; glabrous; pale cream.

Gills: adnate; crowded; cream.

Flesh: thin, cream; unchanging on exposure to air.

Smell: not noted.

Spore print: scarce, rather pale brown

Spores: subglobose; 7 × 6 μm; smooth with a thick wall

Basidia: not recorded.

Cheilocystidia: absent.

Pileipellis: a cutis.

Substrate: appears to be attached to buried wood.

Habitat: growing in groups deeply buried in litter in Wallum at the edge of a small *Melaleuca* forest.

Notes: This species is not listed in Grgurinovic. *Pholiota* appears to be poorly understood in Australia and its distinguishing features cannot therefore be stated with confidence. Distinguished from other *Pholiota* species by its modest size and subglobose spores.

Collections examined: PL660321, Bribie Island National Park, Pat Leonard, 25 Mar 2021.