

Amanita sp 'Hewett'



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Cap: convex becoming appanate; 80 – 100 mm diameter; glabrous but becoming rimose in the centre; greyish orange (6B4); velar remnants as one or a few large flat patches, fugacious, white but darkening to brown at the edges; margin sulcate/striate to one-third radius.

Stipe: cylindrical with a slightly widened apex and a distinct bulbous base; 120 – 135 × 10 – 14 (bulb = 25) mm; glabrous; greyish orange (6B4); becoming paler near base and almost white on bulb; with a large, pendulous, white fugacious ring.

Gills: free; crowded; fragile; white; with irregularly spaced lamellulae.

Flesh: fragile; white; unchanging.

Smell: not distinctive.

Spore print: white.

Spores: subglobose to ellipsoid; $8.15 - 10.33 \times 7.75 - 9.25 \mu\text{m}$, average $9.25 \pm 0.6 \times 8.5 \pm 0.5 \mu\text{m}$; $Q = 1 - 1.25$; average $Q = 1.09 \pm 0.07$; amyloid, with a prominent apiculus.

Basidia: subcapitate; $35 - 45 \times 9 - 15 \mu\text{m}$, 4-spored.

Cheilocystidia: not observed.

Pleurocystidia: narrowly clavate; $45 - 60 \times 7 - 9 \mu\text{m}$; thin-walled.

Pileipellis: a cutis of repent hyphae 5 – 10 μm wide. Veil cells variable from globose to ellipsoid, $20 - 40 \times 12 - 30 \mu\text{m}$, thin-walled.

Habitat: dry sclerophyll forest that has recently been burnt.

Notes: a very tall greyish orange amanita with a sulcate/striate cap margin and a white fugacious ring and bulbous stipe. It keys to *A. ochraceobulbosa* in Wood, but that is smaller, has pyramidal warts on the cap and is not pellucid striate.

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