

## *Amanita xanthocephala* ‘var rufa’



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**Cap:** convex; up to 35 mm diameter; glabrous, slightly viscid; red (10B8); faintly striate at the margin; with scarce, small white velar remnants.

**Stipe:** cylindrical; 40–50 × 3–5 mm; ring absent; glabrous; yellow; volva only free at apex with a red velar margin.

**Gills:** free; white with a hint of yellow.

**Flesh:** white, thin, unchanging on exposure to air.

**Smell:** none.

**Spore print:** white.

**Spores:** subglobose; 6–7 × 5–6 µm; Q = 1.15; inamyloid.

**Cheilocystidia:**

**Pleurocystidia:**

**Pileipellis:**

**Habitat:** growing singly or in pairs in Wallum heath with *Lophostemon confertus*.

**Collections examined:** PL19609, Banksia Beach track, Bribie Island, Pat Leonard, 27 Jun 2009.

**Notes:** this small red *Amanita* with a yellow stipe is very distinctive; however, it does not key readily in Wood’s key. It appears to be a colour form of *A. xanthocephala*, but the spores seem a trifle on the small side.