

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.