

Amanita xanthocephala



Amanita xanthocephala © Pat Leonard

Cap: convex; 30–40 mm diameter; pale yellow (3A3, 3A4, 4A4), with floccules of white velar remains concentrated at centre; edge striate.

Stipe: clavate; 70 × 7–8 mm; white with pale yellow tinge; ring absent; some velar remains as floccules at base of stipe; no volva seen.

Gills: free; white; lamellulae rare or absent.

Flesh: thin; white to pale yellow.

Spore print: white.

Spores: globose; 7–8 μm , weakly amyloid.

Cheilocystidia: not observed

Pleurocystidia: not observed.

Pileipellis: a cutis with velar remains of ellipsoid, inflated cells and filamentous hyphae.

Habitat: growing in small group in soil, in wet sclerophyll forest under *Eucalyptus* species.

Notes: This relatively small, yellow to orange capped *Amanita* with no ring and a vestigial volva should be easy to recognise in the field.

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