

Bovista brunnea



Bovista brunnea © Pat Leonard

Fruiting body: globose to ovoid, 20 -25 mm diameter; matt, white to pale cream.

Exoperidium: white, thin.

Stipe: a small pseudostipe is present but forms not much more than an extra thickening of the exoperidium at the base.

Endoperidium: chestnut brown.

Gleba: olivaceous brown to rusty brown; somewhat viscid in fresh specimens.

Flesh: white, unchanging.

Spores: globose, $4.5 - 5.5 \times 4.5 - 5.5 \mu\text{m}$; very faintly ornamented; with a straight pedicel up to $15 \mu\text{m}$ long and tapering towards the end.

Substrate: growing in almost pure sand.

Habitat: wallum, wet heath that regularly floods in the wet season, with *Banksia* and *Allocasuarina* as the dominant tree species.

Notes: this small white puffball is immediately identifiable by its small globose spores with a very long straight pedicel.

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