

Clathrus sp.
A new species?

Description: Fruiting body consists of a stipe topped by five or six long, vertical arms that may or may not be fused together at the tips or branched to form a simple mesh. White or creamy-white in colour, occasionally with pinkish tints.

Substrate: Rainforest litter, usually on decaying wood.

Notes: Joan Cribb (2005) described and photographed a similar-looking fungus in Queensland. The 130 mm tall, white, 5-6 armed fungi were growing with some much smaller (60 mm), similar-looking but 3-armed fungi.

From Cribb's description and photographs, the author first thought that this might be *Anthurus brownii* J. M. Mend., 1934.

Subsequent collections have shown that it is most likely not *A. brownii* and that it is possibly a new *Clathrus* species.

To confirm this, and to be able to make a formal description, more material needs to be collected and examined.



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