

Coprinellus disseminatus



Coprinellus disseminatus © Fran Guard

Cap: parabolic to blunt, becoming convex to hemispherical; 5 – 12 mm diameter; young specimens white to pale lemon becoming pale grey and finally dark grey; somewhat translucent dry and distinctly plicate (pleated) with radial grooves arranged around a central disc.

Stipe: central, cylindrical; 30-50 × 1-2 mm; off-white to pale yellow-brown at base, dry and smooth.

Gills: adnexed; close; straw yellow, maturing to dark grey but do not liquify.

Spore print: black.

Spores: ellipsoid to almond shaped; 7.2 -9.7 × 4.1-5.4 µm.

Substrate: rotten wood and rich organic soil.

Habitat: parklands, woodlands, and forests.

Frequency: occasional. They are probably quite common but do not get noticed because they appear and disappear rapidly.

Collections examined: AQ795286, Border Track, Lamington National Park, Nigel Fechner, 18 Jan 2006.

Notes: This species is common in many parts of the world.