

Cruentomycena viscidocruenta



Cruentomycena viscidocruenta © Fran Guard

Cap: campanulate with an umbo; 10 - 15 mm diameter; viscid, shiny; bright crimson red (11B8, 11D8); translucently striate.

Stipe: cylindrical; 40 × 1 - 3 mm; glutinous, shiny; bright crimson red; slightly swollen at base with white strigose hairs attaching it to substrate.

Gills: adnate or subdecurrent; paler than cap, 18 - 24 reach stipe; up to two rows of lamellulae in unequal series.

Flesh: thin, pinkish.

Smell: none.

Spore print: white.

Spores: narrowly ellipsoid; 7 - 11 × 3.5 - 4.5 μm; amyloid.

Cheilocystidia: ventricose, rostrate; abundant, forming a sterile gill edge; 30 - 7- × 7 - 15 μm; some with irregular excrescences.

Pleurocystidia: absent.

Pileipellis: a cutis of relatively thick hyphae with clamp connections.

Habitat: growing in small troop on sticks in leaf litter in an area of regenerating rain forest.

Notes: This bright red *Mycena* with a tough glutinous stipe growing on woody litter can easily be recognised in the field.

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