

*Phallus multicolor* Berk. & Broome, 1882

**Synonym:** *Dictyphora multicolor*

**Egg:** The immature fruiting body is a cream-brownish egg shape, to 30 mm diameter, encasing the stinkhorn in a gelatinous substance. White rhizomorphs (root like threads) at the base. The egg like sac splits to release the rapidly expanding receptacle (fruiting body) and leaves a volva (sac remains) at the base.

**Receptacle (mature fruiting body):**

**Stipe:** To 230 mm high and to 35 mm diameter, narrowing at both ends, spongy, hollow, white to pinkish or orange.

**Pileus (cap):** Conical, orange – deep yellow, to 40 x to 30 mm pitted and ridged with a net-like pattern and with a hole in the tip.

This is covered by the gleba (fertile spore mass) – an olive-brown spore-bearing slime, which is cleared by insects, thus exposing a lemon to deep golden yellow surface.

**Indusium:** A delicate, net-like mesh hangs from the top of the stipe, directly beneath the cap and falls skirt-like to about halfway down the stipe; it can look “inflated” or flared. Lemon or ochre -yellow, orange or salmon coloured.

**Spores:** 3.5 - 4.5 x 1.5 - 2.5 µm, cylindrical, smooth, clear.

**Habitat:** Solitary or gregarious in forests or urban gardens, woodchip beds. Year round in Qld, common. Often smelled before seen.



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