Dictydiaethalium plumbeum (Schumach.) Rostaf. ex Lister

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Date 13 June 2014. Black Sugarloaf, Birralee (big tree track). **Habitat**: Closed wet Eucalypt forest. **Substrate**: Dead *Clematis aristata* near THE dogwood. **Description**: Several pseudoaethalia, tan brown, 85 mm long x 30 mm wide x 0.7–1 mm high. **Hypothallus** protrudes from edges of the fruiting bodies, silvery. **Plasmodium** pink. **Cortex** hexagonal platelets 0.1 mm across. **Pseudocapillitium** strands run from corner of platelets to the base. **Spores** mustard yellow in mass, pale by transmitted light, minutely spinulose, 8.5–10.5 μm.

Notes: Spores not 'distinctly spiny' as described by Stephenson (2003) but the size is right for this species.

D. plumbeum often appears on bark of newly fallen trees and bark on wood in firewood pile.













