

Date 19 Nov. 2012. Black Sugarloaf, Birrale (home).

Habitat: Eucalypt forest. **Substrate** Eucalypt bark pile in vegetable garden. **Description** scattered stalked sporangia 0.9–1.7 mm high.

Sporotheca globose, 0.1–0.3 mm diameter. **Stalk** shiny, black, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of total height; reddish brown and fibrous (not netted) at base by transmitted light.

Hypothallus discoid, reddish brown. **Peridium** persistent in some sporangia, iridescent with blue and golden reflections, dehiscence irregular leaving small collar at base of sporotheca.

Columella reaches to about $\frac{1}{2}$ of sporotheca where it divides into several strong branches. **Capillitium** relatively abundant, thick where it joins columella, branching and becoming thinner at periphery, some swellings. **Spores** dark brown in mass, light brown by transmitted light, warty with groups of darker warts, 8–9 μm .

Notes spores similar to *Macbrideola argentea* but fibrous base of stalk and abundant capillitium are not characteristic of *Macbrideola* spp. (see *Macbrideola argentea* #0781).

