

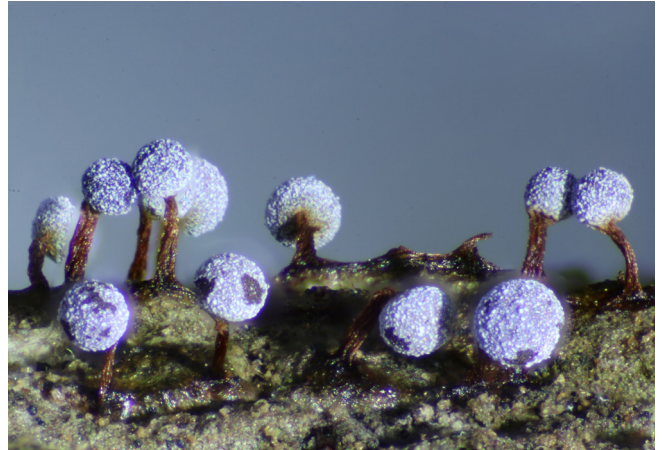
Date 4 June 2014. Black Sugarloaf, Birrale (big tree track).

Habitat: Closed wet Eucalypt forest.

Substrate: Dead *Clematis aristata* (upslope from track).

Description: Small group of 16 stalked sporangia, 1.5 mm high. **Sporotheca** sub-globose, (slightly flattened at base) 0.4–0.6 mm diameter. **Hypothallus** discoid and contiguous under group, reddish brown, shiny. **Peridium:** encrusted with white lime, red at base where stalk attaches. **Stalk** slender in some collections (see below) but stout in others. Cylindrical or subulate, wrinkled, reddish brown, darker at base. **Capillitium** white with white lime nodes. **Spores:** Brown in mass, lighter by transmitted light, warted with patches of darker warts, 10–12 μm .

Notes: Common in some years, absent in others; usually found on dead *Clematis aristata*.



P. pusillum on dead *Clematis aristata* (24 May 2014)

