Comatricha aff. rubens Lister

Date Black Sugarloaf, Birralee (big tree track). Habitat: Closed wet Eucalypt forest. Substrate Bryophytes on log on ground. Description Gregarious stalked sporangia to 1.8 mm high. Sporotheca ovoid (slightly higher than wide) 0.9 mm long. Stalk subulate, about 1/2 total height of the sporangia, black in reflected light, translucent red by transmitted light, fibrous, 0.9 mm long. Hypothallus conspicuous, black. Peridium fugacious except for small shiny calyculus that persists at the base of the sporangia. Columella reaches approximately half way up the sporangia, rounded at apex. Capillitium attached along full length of columella and to the peridium fragment that remains attached to the stem; membranous expansions near columella; thin brown threads with some small nodules; free ends at periphery. Spores pinkish brown in mass, reddish brown by transmitted light with light areas, minutely spinulose, 9-10 µm. Notes: has affinities to *C. rubens* except spores are larger in BSL collection. (spores 7–8 µm in Poulain et al.)









