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Wetlands Fungi.

Cymatoderma elegans

This fungus has a relatively thin structure with a consistency and texture like leather. It is an elegant goblet-shaped fungus with a wrinkled cap and central stem and is found growing on dead wood. The under surface is smooth without gills or pores. It is relatively common in tropical and subtropical forests in eastern Australia. The fruit bodies are very tough and leathery, which means that they can persist for some time. Old dry specimens can last in the bush for very long periods of time. Young specimens are quite soft to touch and have a rosy hue. They quite often collect forest debris and fill with water after rain.



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