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Fungi at the Wetlands

Scutellinia scutellate

Over the past few weeks the fig tree track off the boardwalk has been quite the fungi hotspot. There have been up to ten species evident at any one time. This has been due to the excessive dampness of the area from the Strawberry Farm dam runoff. The area has significantly dried out this past week. I was quite excited when we found these tiny eyelash fungi.

These tiny cup fungi are bright reddish to reddish orange. The margin of this disc shaped fungi has radiating stiff dark hairs about 1mm long which has given rise to their common name of “eyelash fungus”. These fungi are found on wet ground and waterlogged decaying wood and bark in shaded habitats. At the Wetlands these were spotted beside the boardwalk on the fig tree side track. They are quite small, up to 10mm in diameter.



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