

Lycoperdon subincarnatum

Lycoperdon pyriforme Base of Mount Allyn Walk, Chichester State Forest, Northern NSW, Australia, July 2010

A video can be found [here](#)

Ruddy Puffball

BASIDIOMYCOTA Family Agaricaceae

Fruit body Rounded puffball lacking a sterile base (attached directly to substrate via white mycelial threads). Grey-lilac when young becoming brownish, outer surface covered in fine spines forming pyramidal warts that disappear with maturity. From 1–3cm.

gleba The spores are enclosed within the fruit body (endoperidium), an irregularly shaped pore (ostiole) develops when spores are mature. Internal spore-bearing material is white and fleshy when young becoming purplish brown with maturity.

Spores Purplish brown print, globose, with sharply pointed spines (echinulate), 4–5 µm.

Habitat Wet forest types.

Substrate Decomposing wood. Saprotrophic. Found at Barraga Swamp, Chichester State Forest, August 2015, on old fallen log.

Habit Solitary or in large troops.

Comments. Easily distinguished by its rounded form, grey-purple colouring and lack of sterile base. The only other *Lycoperdon* species that grows on wood is *L. pyriforme* (Pear Shaped Puffball) which, as its common name suggests, is pear shaped and much larger. Previously known as *Morganella subincarnata*.