**Physarum pusillum** (Berk. & M.A. Curtis) G. Lister

**Date**: 4 June 2014. Black Sugarloaf, Birralee (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)