

**Date** 19 Nov. 2012. Black Sugarloaf, Birralee (home).

**Habitat:** Eucalypt forest. **Substrate** Eucalypt bark pile in vegetable garden. **Description** scattered stalked sporangia 0.9–1.7 mm high. **Sporotheca** globose, 0.1–0.3 mm diameter. **Stalk** shiny, black, approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of total height; reddish brown and fibrous (not netted) at base by transmitted light. **Hypothallus** discoid, reddish brown. **Peridium** persistent in some sporangia, iridescent with blue and golden reflections, dehiscence irregular leaving small collar at base of sporotheca. **Columella** reaches to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of sporotheca where it divides into several strong branches. **Capillitium** relatively abundant, thick where it joins columella, branching and becoming thinner at periphery, some swellings. **Spores** dark brown in mass, light brown by transmitted light, warted with groups of darker warts, 8–9  $\mu\text{m}$ . **Notes** spores similar to *Macbrideola argentea* but fibrous base of stalk is not characteristic of *Macbrideola* spp. (see *M. argentea* #0781).

