

Date: 25 May 2014. Black Sugarloaf, Birralee (Thismia gully).

Habitat: Closed wet Eucalypt forest.

Substrate: Stipe of *Dicksonia antarctica*.

Description: scattered stalked light orange brown goblet-shaped sporangia, 1–1.2 mm high x 0.5 mm wide. **Stalk** light orange brown, furrowed, about half the height of the sporangia. **Hypothallus** discoid, translucent orange yellow. **Peridium** thick, of two layers: the outer layer cartilaginous, ochraceous brown; dehiscence by preformed operculum sharply separated from the rest of the peridium. **Capillitium** large white lime nodes. **Spores** black in mass, lighter brown by transmitted light, minutely warted, 8–10 μm .

Notes: Immature sporangia found twice on stipe of bracken fern *Pteridium esculentum*. Often appears on the fronds of *Dicksonia antarctica* or the litter accumulated amongst the fronds. Common in 2016 (see photo below right).

