



Scutellinia scutellata — eyelash cup

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Scutellinia scutellata, or eyelash cup fungus, is readily recognised by the pale to bright orange cups decorated with long, stiff eyelash-like brown hairs around the rim. It's widespread in wet forests and woodlands throughout southern and eastern Australia. In the southwest it is more common in karri forest and the wetter southern coastal regions, fruiting in winter through to early spring.

The cups are flat or dish-like, generally about 5–10mm in diameter. It prefers a wet shaded habitat and grows on bark, well-rotted wood, and sometimes on wet soil that has a high organic component. The cups don't have a stalk, but have a broad, firm attachment to the surface on which they grow.

There are a number of species of *Scutellinia* in Australia and possibly one other in Western Australia, but they are difficult to recognise and only distinguished by microscopic characters.

The Scientific name refers to its shape. *Scutel-* dish, or *scut-* shield. *-inia*: named after or relating to, *-ata*: possessing or similar to.