

- Mycology**Copper-netted Clastoderma**

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Slime moulds are neither animal, vegetable nor fungal. These colonies of singlecelled amoeba-like organisms work together to produce what look like complex multicellular organisms with distinct body parts, including these exquisite metallic fruiting bodies, after which this new species is named.



WHERE IS IT? It is recorded at three sites in Western Australia, found growing on decaying wood and bark. Though it was first collected in 2003, it has taken until now to work out its relationships to other slime moulds – hence its formal specific name, *confusum*. S Blackman