



Goblin forest on Enderby Island: a canopy of *Metrosideros umbellata* rises over a dense carpet of biddi-bids (*Acaena minor*). – Adrienne Markey

Original Art Feature

Coprinus stercoreus Fr.

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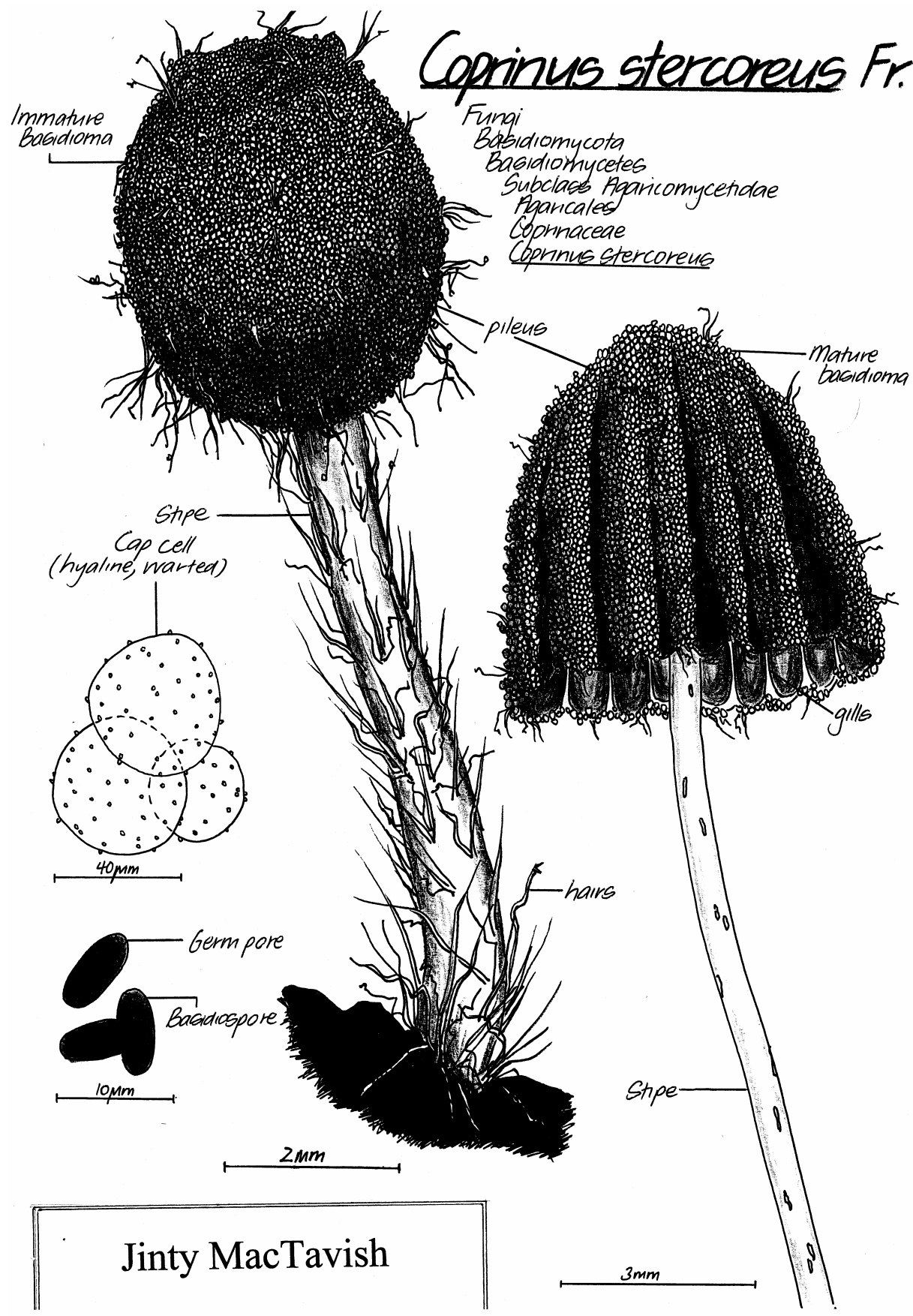
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Collected in the field: – as basidiospores on deer dung,
Rock & Pillar Range, Otago, April 2004
Cultured in the laboratory: – on dung & damp filter paper,
in a petri dish at room temperature. Culture began
22/06/05. Immature basidioma was present & drawn
12/07/05. Mature basidioma was present, drawn &
identified 15/07/05.

Additional botanical notes: – Four basidiospores appear to
be produced on each basidia, but this was observed only
with immature spores. Coprinus is the most common
basidiomycete dung fungi genus. This species was
separated from other Coprinus species mainly on the
basis of its large, hyaline, regularly warted cap cells. Stipe
has a long, wavy habit in mature basidiomata.

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Fungi
 Basidiomycota
 Basidiomycetes
 Subclass Agaricomycetidae
 Agaricales
 Coprinaceae
Coprinus stercoreus



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