

Crown-tipped Coral *Artomyces pyxidatus* (Persoon) Julich



OVERALL: Wincopin Trail, 6/20/2016, R. Orr.  
OVERALL: Big Branch, 7/31/2008, J. Solem.  
OVERALL: Franciscan Friars, 8/9/2014, J. Solem.  
OVERALL: Sykesville-River Road, PVSP, 8/20/2014, J. Solem.

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*Artomyces pyxidatus*  
Auriscalpiaceae

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**ID:** On decaying hardwoods. Body white/creamy (yellow/tan in age); coral-like; taste somewhat peppery.

**Habitat:** Solitary, scattered, groups. On decaying hardwoods.

**Fruiting Body:** Up to 5.1" high [13 cm]  
White/pale creamy-white (ochre-yellow/tan in age). Erect, coral-like, numerous forked branches from a short stalk, crown-like branch tips, smooth, moist; taste somewhat peppery. Flesh tough/brittle, white.

**Spores:** White. Ellipticoid, smooth, hyaline.

**Frequency:** Abundant.

**Locations:** BENBR, BIGBR, BOLPL, BRNBR, CASCT, DANPV, FRANF, FULSA, GONRA, HAMVL, HENPV, HIRIP, LONGC, MANWD, MCLUR, MCHPV, MPENA, MURHL, NOLAP, OTHER, PIGTL, RKBPR, ROBNC, ROGOR, SAVPK, SLMLP, SYRIV, UMDCF, WINFR, WINTR, WSKPV, WSTRP.

**Synonym:** *Clavicornia pyxidata* [depricated].

**Notes:** Mycobank 110490. Franciscan Friars and Sykesville-River Road, PVSP specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. One of the few coral fungi that grows on wood.

**References:** Bar 116. BBF 420, 423. BBH 301. Bni 483. BRBD 287, 71. E&S 274. K&M 104. Lin 401, 744. M&M 346. Phi 349. Roo 424. Stu 370. W&L 143-4.



SPORES (5.3-5.8 X 3.3-3.6 µm): Sykesville-River Road, PVSP, 8/20/2014, R. Solem.