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*Bulgaria inquinans* (Persoon) Fries



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**ID:** Dark clusters of thick, round, stalkless fruiting bodies; brownish-black, smooth inner surface; reddish-brown scurfy outer surface.

**Habitat:** Groups, clusters. On bark of decaying hardwood logs and stumps (especially oak).

**Fruiting Body:** Up to 1.5 wide & tall [ $\leq 4$  cm]

**Fertile surface:** Dark brown/black, smooth, shiny when wet.

**Outer surface:** Reddish-brown/brown, finally black; scurfy. Cup-shaped (young), flat in age. Flesh dark-brown, thick, gelatinous, rubbery; leathery when dry.

**Spores:** White. Ellipsoid/almond-shaped, one side flattened, smooth, dark brown (mature); immature lighter to hyaline, multi-guttulate.

**Frequency:** Uncommon.

**Locations:** MTPLT.

**Notes:** Mycobank 144779. Mount Pleasant specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

**References:** Bar 57. BBB 364. BBF 429-430. BBH 310. Bin 319 Bni 540fn. E&S 51. Kuo. Lin 363, 610. Roo 463fn. Stu 440.



ASCI and SPORES (11.1-12.8X 6.3  $\mu$ m): Mount Pleasant, 6/27/2019, *R. Solem.*