ID: Black and shiny cushion w/ dots, but slimy surface when producing spores. Inside brownish and tough. Use KOH.

Habitat: Solitary, small clusters. On barkless fallen oaks.

Fruiting Body: 0.8 – 2.8” x 0.8”H [2 – 7 cm x 2 cm]  
Black and shiny, covered w/ pimple-like dots; covered w/ black slime/droplets when producing spores; covered when young w/ black felty veil (which ruptures and becomes sheath around fruiting body). Subcircular/elliptical, cushion-shaped, somewhat narrowed base. Interior brownish, tough w/ black channels/pockets. May have creosote odor.

Spores: Fusiform, smooth, black.

Frequency: Occasional.

Locations: DANPV, FRANF, HENPV, HIRIP, SLMLP, SYRIV.


Notes: Mycobank 310149. Sykesville/River Road specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Tissues of dry specimens turn brownish in KOH.