

Dryad's Saddle  
Pheasant's-back Polypore

*Cerioporus squamosus*  
(Hudson) Quélet



OVERALL: Daniels, 8/23/2008, *N. Magnusson*.  
UPPER SURFACE and STALKS: Font Hill Wetland Pk, 4/29/20074,  
J Tveekrem.  
OVERALL: Pigtail, 4/27/2009, *R. Solem*.  
PORES: Daniels, 8/23/2008, *N. Magnusson*.  
YOUNG: Daniels, 8/12/2011, *J. Solem*.

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Polyporaceae

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**ID:** Body creamy-white/darker, cover/ large flattened reddish-brown scales; shape varies (fan-shaped to circular/funnel-shaped); margin entire/lobed; flesh thick. Pores off-white, angular. Stalk white above, brownish-black at base; off-center/rudimentary.

**Habitat:** Solitary, groups, overlapping clusters. On decaying hardwoods.

**Fruiting Body:** 2 – 12" [5 – 30.5 cm]

Creamy-white/dingy-yellowish/pale yellow-brown. Covered w/large flat - tened reddish-brown scales (often concentrically arranged). Kidney-/fan-shaped or circular/funnel-shaped. Margin entire/conspicuously lobed, thin. Flesh (<= 4 cm) white, soft-corky/fibrous-tough.

**Pores:** Off-white. Angular. Tubes (2 – 8 mm).

**Stalk:** 0.3 - 4.8" x 0.4 – 2" [1 – 12 cm x 1 – 5 cm]

White on upper portion, brown/brownish-black at base, lateral/off-center/rudimentary.

**Spores:** *White*. Ellipsoid, smooth.

**Frequency:** Abundant.

**Locations:** AVORG, CASCT, DANPV, FHWLP, GONRA, GWACP, HAMVL, HENPV, MARPV, MPENA, ORRBB, OTHER, PATBT, OTHER, PIGTL, ROBNC, RKBRP, SAVMP, SAVPK, SLMLP, WINFM, WINTR.

**Synonym:** *Polyporus squamosus*.

**Notes:** Mycobank 163056. *Index Fungorum* and Mycobank disagree on preferred name. Mycobank 186284: *Polyporus squamosus* (Hudson) Fries. Daniels specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Grows in spring and again in fall.

**References:** Bar 145. BBF 392, 11. BBH 263. Bni 422. E&S 320. K&M 323. Lin 481, 507. M&M 418fn. Phi 298. Roo 365. Stu 315. W&L 562-3.



SPORE: (11.4 X 4.8 μm)  
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