

Silver Leaf Fungus

*Chondrostereum purpureum*  
(Persoon) Pouzar



CLOSEUP: Mt. Pleasant, 11/7/2010, R. Orr.

OVERALL: Mt. Pleasant, 11/7/2010, R. Orr.

OVERALL: Wincopin Trail, 12/30/2015, J. Solem.

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Cyphellaceae

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**ID:** Ochre-buff crust w/ purplish fertile surface.

**Habitat:** Deciduous trees (especially *Rosaceae*: apple, plum; also oak and poplar stumps and logs).

**Fruiting Body:** 1/4 – 3/4" [0.5 – 2 cm]; sometimes in masses 4 – 20" long [10 – 50 cm] Cinnamon/ochre-buff crust. Sometimes crimped/lobed. Hairy to hairless/wrinkled.

**Fertile surface:** Light drab purple/dark wine-buff.

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** HIRIP, MTPLT, MURHL, OTHER, SLMLP, WSTPV, WINTR.

**Notes:** Mycobank 294820. This fungus is the cause of "silver leaf" disease which leads to the destruction of fruit trees.

**Synonym:** *Stereum purpureum*.

**References:** BBF 438key. Lin 418, 539. Rog. W&L 485fn.