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NRA, 2/28/2011, J. Solem.
TOP (covered with spores): Morning Choice Trail, 9/18/2014, J. Solem.
PORES: Morning Choice Trail, 9/18/2014, J. Solem.
SPORES (7.9 – 10.0 X 5.4 – 6.8 μm): Morning Choice Trail, 9/18/2014, R. Solem.

## **Artist's Conk**

<u>Elfv ingia</u> Ganodermataceae

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**ID**: Body gray/blackish-brown; shelf-like/hoof-shaped; concentrically zoned w/ hard crusty surface, margin thin and often white. Pores white, stain/etch brown. Cuticle separated from flesh by thin (< 0.5 mm) dark layer. Pores can be etched (see photo 3). Use KOH.

**Habitat**: Solitary, scattered, overlapping clusters. On decaying wood (especially hardwood); frequently on wounds on living trees.

**Fruiting Body**:  $2 - 26^{\circ} \times 2.4^{\circ}$  thick [5 - 65 cm x 6 cm] Gray/grayish-black/brown. Surface hard, thick, crusty, concentrically furrowed, finely cracked and roughened; thickened at point of attachment. Shelf-like/hoof-shaped. Margin often white, thin. Flesh (>= 8 mm) gingerbrown, corky/woody/punky; cuticle separated from flesh by thin (< 0.5 mm) dark layer.

**Pores**: White; stain brown quickly. Circular (4 - 6/mm). Can be separated into individual tubes (6 - 15 mm).

Spores: Brown. Ellipsoid, brown.

Frequency: Very common.

Locations: BENBR, CASCT, CEDLP, DANPV, DFWMA, DORWD, FARMS, GONRA, HENPV, MCHPV, MPENA, MURHL, PIGTL, ROBNC, RKBRP, SLMLP, WFRDP, WSTRP, WINTR.

**Notes:** Mycobank 148315. Morning Choice Trail specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. KOH stains flesh and tubes black.

Synonym: Ganoderma applanatum G. lipsiense.

**References**: Bar 139. BBF 389, 396. BBH 265. Bin 343. Bni 449. BRBD 253, 59. E&S 298. Lin 460, 518. M&M 421. Roo 374. Stu 331.