

Azalea Gall

Exobasidium vaccinii (Fuckel) Woronin



OVERALL: Henryton, PVSP, 5/13/2017, K. Schwarz.
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[*Exobasidium vaccinii*](#)
 Exobasidiaceae

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ID: Pale green/pinkish (brown in age), lumpy growth invading leaf and flower buds.

Habitat: Many *Vaccinium* or *Rhododendron* species (*Ericaceae*). Forms in spring in wet, humid, cool weather.

Fruiting Body: 0.6 – 2" [1.5 – 10 cm]
 Pale green/pinkish (then covered w/ mold-like growth; brown in age). Globular, firm. Spores produced within fruiting body

Spores: White.

Frequency: Infrequent.

Locations: HENPV.

Notes: Mycobank 486785. Spores spread by water splashing or wind onto existing buds or overwinter and infect new growth next year. Photos show infected Pinxter Flower (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*).

References:

- <http://plantclinic.cornell.edu/factsheets/azaleagall.pdf>
- <https://blog.mycology.cornell.edu/2013/07/09/azalea-divinity/>