

Thick-maze Oak
Polypore

Fomitopsis quercina
(Linnaeus) Spirin & Miettinen



OVERALL: North Laurel Park, 5/8/2009, R. Solem.
UPPER SURFACE: Gorman Stream Valley NRA, 2/28/2011, J. Solem
PORES: Gorman Stream Valley NRA, 2/28/2011, J. Solem.

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Fomitopsidaceae

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ID: Color variable (often brownish/orangish); semicircular/ kidney-shaped; concentrically zoned and velvety (smooth and cracked in age), margin blunt and lighter. Pores orange when fresh (gray-brown in age); elongated; may be smaller near margin. Aromatic. Use KOH.

Habitat: Solitary, groups. On decaying hardwood (oak).

Fruiting Body: 2 – 8” x 3.1” thick [5 – 20 cm x 8 cm]
Variable (usually brownish-yellow/brownish-orange). Felted/velvety, often concentrically zoned; smooth (cracked/furrowed in age). Semicircular/ kidney-shaped. Margin blunt and whitish. Fleshy leathery to corky/woody.

Pores: White to pale yellow-/grayish-brown (orange when fresh). Conspicuously labyrinthine (or elongated), may be smaller near margin. Slots may be up to 9 mm long; walls 0.5 mm thick.

Spores: *White*.

Frequency: Common.

Locations: BIGBR, CENPK, DANPV, GONRA, HIRIP, HOUCH, MPENA, NOLAP, PATBT, RNBRP, ROBNC, SLMLP, UMDCF, WSTRP, WINTR.

Synonymns: *Daedalea quercina*

Notes: Mycobank 246294. KOH turns all parts black/bluish.

References: Bar 143. BBF 379, 395. BBH 248. Bin 329. Bni 442. K&M 168. Lin 453, 467. M&M 425. Phi 312. Roo 371fn. Stu 322. W&L 518.