

Varnish Shelf  
Varnish Cap

*Ganoderma tsugae* Murrill



OVERALL: North Laurel Park, 7/11/2008, S. Earp.

OVERALL: Rockburn Branch Park, 9/22/2009, R. Solem.

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**ID:** Body brownish-red and orange outward, sticky when young, looks lacquered when old; shelf-like/irregular, concentrically zoned, margin whitish. Pores white/cream (brown in age). Stalk typically lateral (if present).

**Habitat:** Solitary, groups. On decaying conifers.

**Fruiting Body:** 2.4 – 12" x up to 1.1" thick [6 – 31 cm x 3 cm] Brownish-red to mahogany near center or overall, brownish-/reddish-orange outward, light/whitish near margin. Lacquered surface, concentrically zoned, shallowly furrowed. Fan-/kidney-shaped. Flesh whitish, soft-corky/fibrous-tough.

**Pores:** White/creamy-white (brown in age or bruised). Circular (4 – 6/mm).

**Stalk:** 1.1 – 6" x 0.4 – 1.5" [3 – 13.5 cm x 1 – 4 cm] Typically lateral but sometimes off-center/central or absent, brownish-red/mahogany/blackish-brown, shiny, lacquered surface.

**Spores:** Brown.

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** NOLAP, RKBRP, TRIRS.

**Notes:** Mycobank 239416. *Ganoderma resinaceum* grows on rotting hardwood.

**References:** BBF 377, 396. BBH 266. Bni 450. BRBD 255, 59. E&S 300. K&M 181. Lin 461, 515. M&M 422fn. Phi 306. Roo 354. Stu 342. W&L 501-2.