**Spongy Foot**

*Hydnellum spongiosipes* (Peck) Pouzar

**ID:** Cap cinnamon-/dark-brown, velvety, irregular/lumpy; single or fused; convex (flat in age); upper layer (flesh pale brown, fairly soft), lower layer (dark brown, corky). Fertile layer pale-/lilac-brown, dark in age, crowded spines. Stalk dark brown, velvety; club-shaped, swollen, spongy.

**Habitat:** Clustered. On ground in hardwood forests (especially oak).

**Cap:** 0.8 – 4” [2 – 10 cm]
Cinnamon-/dark-brown, velvety, sometimes pitted; paler areas bruising dark brown; single/fused w/ other caps; shallowly convex (broadly convex/flat in age).

**Fertile Surface:** Pale-/lilac-brown; sometimes bruising dark brown (darker brown in age); continues down stem; covered w/ crowded spines (4 – 7 mm). Flesh: upper layer pale brown and fairly soft; lower layer dark/purplish-brown and corky.

**Stalk:** 1.2 – 4” x 0.4 – 1.2” [3 – 10 cm x 1– 3 cm]
Dark brown; velvety, club-shaped, swollen and much thicker below; spongy/fibrous.

**Spores:** Brown.

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** BIGBR, FARMS, PIGTL, ROGOR, SLMLP.

**Notes:** Mycobank 332093.