Cushion Hypoxylon  

*Hypoxylon* spp [sensu lato]

**CLOSEUP:** Big Branch, 11/28/209, R. Orr.
**OVERALL:** Big Branch, 11/28/209, R. Solem.

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*Hypoxylon* sp  

**Xylariaceae**

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**ID:** Body color varies, blackening in age; surface bumpy. Use KOH.

**Habitat:** Infects bark of various hardwoods; species are specific to each hardwood.

**Fruiting Body:** 1/16–5/8” x 1/16–3/8” [1.5–15 mm x 1.5–10 mm]  
Color varies w/ species, all blacken in age. Flesh black, hard. Surface minutely bumpy. Perithecia just below surface.

**Frequency:** Common.

**Locations:** BIGBR, CASCT, DANPV, FRANF, FULSA, GONRA, MPENA, MCHPV, PIGTL, ROBNC, SLMLP, SVMLT, SYRIV, UMDCF, WSTRP, ZIRNP.

**Notes:** References are all to specific species. KOH releases variously colored pigments depending on the species. There are now two genera that appear identical to the naked eye: *Hypoxylon* and *Annulohypolyxon*. (They differ in the construction of the perithecia.)

**References:** Bar 78.  BBF 522-523 (key), 525, 527.  Lin 374,667.  W&L 70-1.