

Bear Lentinus

*Lentinellus ursinus* (Fries) Kuhner



GILLS: Pigtail, 11/21/2009, *R. Solem*.  
 TOP: Pigtail, 11/21/2009, *R. Orr*.  
 OVERALL (top and gills): Rockburn  
 Branch Park, 6/16/2009, *R. Solem*.  
 GILLS: Big Branch, 10/9/2009, *J. Solem*.  
 SPORES (3.9-4.2 X 2.8-3.2 μm): Pigtail,  
 11/21/2009, *R. Solem*.

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**ID:** Cap velvety w/ dark brown center and paler margin (when fresh); semicircular and nearly flat w/ appressed light hairs. Gills serrated. Odor. Use KOH.

**Habitat:** Clusters. On hardwood logs and branches (especially oak, maple, beech).

**Cap:** 1 – 4" [2.5 – 10 cm]  
 Disc darker brown, margin paler. Velvety w/ fibrils. Cuticle tough. Semicircular/convex/nearly flat. Margin inrolled w/ appressed light hairs, veil remnants. Flesh whitish/pale brownish, firm. Definite odor when cut. Taste acrid.

**Gills:** Pinky-brown/yellow-tan; serrated. Close/subdistant; radiate from point of attachment. Depth 5 – 7 mm.

**Spores:** *White*. Nearly round, minute spines.

**Stalk:** None.

**Frequency:** Very common.

**Locations:** BENBR, BIGBR, BRNBR, CASCT, CEDLP, DANPV, FRANF, GONRA, HENPV, HIRIP, MCHPV, MPENA, MURHL, OTHER, PIGTL, RKBRP, SLMLP, SYRIV, UMDCF, WINTR.

**Notes:** Mycobank 255281. KOH stains cap black and stalk/flesh light brown. Pigtail specimen identified by examination of spores by *R. Solem*.

**References:** Bar 293. BBF 182, 297. BBH103. Bin 365. BRBD 163, 34. K&M 256. Lin 765, 502. M&M 146. Roo 21. Stu 118. W&L 352-3.