

Bleeding Mycena
Fairy Helmet

Mycena haematopus
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OVERALL: Long Corner, PRSP, 9/13/2009, R. Solem.
OVERALL: MPENA, 9/18/2009, J. Solem.
GILLS and STALK: Pigtail, 9/27/2015, J. Solem.
SPORES (7.5 – 9.7 X 5.2 – 6.5 µm): Morning Choice Trail,
PVSP, 8/27/2014, R. Solem.

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Mycenaceae

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ID: Exudes dark red latex when broken. Cap dark reddish-brown, margin much lighter. Stalk color like cap.

Habitat: Solitary (sometimes), clusters (typical). On wood.

Cap: 3/8 – 2" [1 – 5 cm]

Dark reddish-brown disc, fades toward margin (reddish-gray but covered at first w/ frosted, white down). Conic/hemispheric (bell-shaped in age). Margin lighter, striate, straight but often torn/ragged. Flesh thin. Exudes dark blood-red latex when cut.

Gills: Whitish/grayish (dirty reddish-brown in age). Finely attached. Close to subdistant. Narrow/moderately broad.

Spores: White. Ellipsoid, smooth, hyaline.

Stalk: 1 – 4" x 1/32 – 1/8" [2.5 – 10 cm x 0.75 – 3 mm]

Reddish-brown. Upper part initially densely pruinose (smooth in age). Base hairy. Exudes dark blood-red latex when cut. Hollow.

Frequency: Very common.

Locations: BIGBR, CEDLP, DANPV, FRANF, GONRA, HIRIP, LONGC, MANWD, MCHPV, MPENA, MURHL, OTHER, PIGTL, ROBNC, RKBRP, ROGOR, SAVPK, SLMLP, UMDCF, WSTRP.

Notes: Mycobank 228153. Morning Choice Trail and Pigtail (9/24/2015) specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solm.

References: Bar 286. BBF 211, 302. BBH 134. Bni 198. BRBD 176, 38. K&M 284. Lin 781, 76. M&M 168. Phi 94. Stu 140.

Why it is called "bleeding mycena:"



CLOSEUP OF STALK: Morning Choice Trail, 8/27/2014, J. Solem.