

Giraffe Spots

Peniophora albobadia (Schweinitz) Boidin



OVERALL: Centennial Park, 1/6/2020 *E. Concari*
CLOSEUP: Cedar Lane Park, 1/10/2020, *J. Solem*
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Peniophoraceae

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ID: Crust of brown/reddish-brown spots with white hairy edges; spots merge in age.

Habitat: Year-round on bark of fallen hardwood branches and logs

Fruiting Body: Up to 0.8" [2 cm] but often fused together. Leathery, thin, more or less circular but later the patches coalesce. Fertile surface: velvety, buff-/dark-brown w/ areas of purplish-/cinnamon-brown (fading to grayish-brown). Margin whitish/pale buff, covered w/ silky hairs.

Spores: White.

Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: CASFD, CEDLP, CENPK, GONRA, GWACP, HAMVL, MURHL, OTHER, PATBT, SLMLP.

Notes: Mycobank 335776. Witches Butter (*Tremella mesenterica*) is a parasite on this genus. Because the fruiting bodies of the former arise from mycelium of *Peniophora* beneath the bark, fruiting bodies of the two seldom are seen together. (See photo below.)

References: Emberger:
https://www.messiah.edu/Oakes/fungi_on_wood/crust%20and%20parchment/species%20pages/Peniophora%20albobadia.html. W&L 101fn, 486.



Branch with both *Tremella mesenterica* and *P. albobadia* visible (Fred Archibald Audubon Sanctuary in Frederick County, 1/11/2020, *E. Concari*).