

Fairy Pins

Phaeocalicium polyporaeum (Nylander) Tibell



OVERALL: Big Branch, 5/29/2009, W. Earp.
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ID: Grows on Violet-toothed Polypore and Turkey Tail. Scattered tiny black matchsticks.

Habitat: Scattered, groups or rows on upper surfaces of Violet-toothed Polypore (*Trichaptum bifforme*) and Turkey Tail (*Trametes versicolor*).

Head: 1/64 – 1/32" [0.2 – 0.6 mm] wide and high
 Black, rounded to bluntly egg-shaped/cup-like.

Spores: Dark. Narrowly ellipsoid, smooth, hyaline.

Stalk: ca. 1/16" x <1/64" [1 – 2 mm x 0.3 mm]
 Black, nearly equal/tapers up.

Frequency: Common.

Locations: BIGBR, CEDLP, GONRA, HAMVL, HIRIP, MANWD, MCHPV, MURHL, OTHER(3), PVSP, ROBNC, ROGOR, SAVPK, SLMLP, SYRIV, WSKPV, WSTRP.

Notes: Mycobank 319522. All photos on Violet-toothed Polypore.

References: BBF 512, 515. E&S 105. W&L 166.



SPORES (12.2-13.1 x 3.6-3.7 µm): Donleigh, 5/7/2019, R. Solem.