

Black Tooth

Phellodon niger (Fries) P. Karsten



OVERALL: Big Branch, 10/15/2011, *R. Solem*.
 TOPS (fused caps): Big Branch, 10/15/2011, *R. Orr*.
 FERTILE SURFACE: Big Branch, 10/15/2011, *R. Solem*.

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ID: Cap soon purplish-black; roughened; concave; margin ridged. Fertile surface w/ blue-gray spines. Stalk color like cap. Odor unpleasant.

Habitat: Scattered, groups, fused together on ground under conifers (sometimes hardwoods).

Cap: 1.2 – 2.8" [3 – 7 cm]
 Whitish/pale gray (soon purplish-/olivaceous-black in age); often concentrically zoned. Velvety/downy (soon pitted/roughened in age); ridged/fibrillose near margin. Flat or often concave. Flesh purplish-/brownish-black; tough; has two layers, top layer light, lower layer dark brown/black. Odor often fruity. Fruiting bodies usually fused together.

Fertile Surface: Covered w/ spines (1 – 3 mm); blue-gray (soon gray-/purplish-black). Decurrent.

Stalk: 0.4 – 2" x 1/4 – 3/4" [1 – 5 cm x 5 – 20 mm]
 Covered w/ spines or woolly tomentum; often swollen at base. Black woody core.

Spores: *White*.

Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: BIGBR.

Notes: Mycobank 246562.

References: BBF 406key. BRBD 205, 48. M&M 403. Rog.