

Bitter Pholiata

Pholiota astragalina



OVERALL: High Ridge Park, 10/29/2009, J. Solem.
 SIDE (young): High Ridge Park, 10/29/2009, J. Solem.
 GILLS: High Ridge Park, 10/29/2009, R. Solem.

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[*Pholiota astragalina*](#)
 Strophariaceae

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ID: Cap pinky-orange, paler margin (fades in age), smooth, sticky when wet; conic (convex w/ umbo in age). Stalk white above, dull orange below, white mycelium at base.

Habitat: Solitary, small groups. On logs or stumps of conifers.

Cap: 0.4 – 2" [2 – 5 cm]

Pinky-orange/apricot, paler margin (fading in age). Smooth w/ irregular hairs; sticky when wet. Conic (convex with umbo or flat/recurved in age). Margin irregular in age. Flesh yellow, soft. Taste bitter.

Gills: Light yellow/yellow-orange; discolor when bruised. Notched/nearly free. Close. Moderately broad.

Spores: *Orange-brown.*

Stalk: 2 – 3.5" x 1/6 – 1/4" [5 – 9 cm x 4 – 7 mm]

White above; dull orange below. Orange/yellow fibrils. Equal. White mycelium. Hollow.

Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: HIRIP.

References: Bar 218. Lin 712, 66. M&M 261. Phi 202. Rog.