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Hymenochaetaceae

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ID: Often a large, fused sheet. Fertile surface dull brown, velvety (fresh) or cracked (old and dry). Use KOH.

Habitat: Overlapping clusters on decaying hardwoods.

Fruiting Body: 0.4 – 0.8" W x 1/4 – 3/8" H [1 – 2 cm x 6 – 10 mm]

Sterile surface: Yellowish-/orange-/dark-brown. Shelf-like stalkless caps often fused laterally and extending 8 – 12" [20 – 30 cm]. Densely matted/woolly (nearly smooth in age). Margin whitish. **Fertile surface:** Dull brown w/ many dark-brown *setae*. When dry, it is uneven, smooth/finely cracked/deeply radially cracked on flattened part

Frequency: Occasional.

Locations: PAFEI, WSTRP, WINTR.

Notes: Flesh dull brown, tough, fibrous; turns dark brown w/ KOH.

Synonym: *Hymenochaete tabacina*.

References: BBF 441, 578. Lin 439, 578.