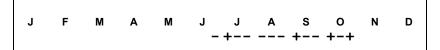
## Whitish Brittlegill

Russula albidula Peck [complex]



OVERALL: Pigtail, 10/6/2009, *R. Solem.* GILLS, STALKS and TOP: Pigtail, 10/6/2009, *J. Solem.* 

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**ID**: Cap white/cream, sticky when wet; broadly convex (shallowly depressed in age). Stalk white. Taste strongly peppery.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered. On ground in mixed forests.

## **Cap**: 0.8 – 3.1" [2 – 8 cm]

White/cream. Dry; viscid when wet. Broadly convex/flat (shallowly depressed in age). Margin faintly striate. Flesh white, brittle. No pronounced odor. Strong peppery taste.

**Gills**: White (pale yellowish in age). Attached. Close. Often forked at stalk.

Spores: Pale yellow. Nearly round, warts or ornamented.

**Stalk**: 1 - 2.8" x 0.4 - 1.5" [2.5 - 7 cm x 1 - 3 cm] White. Dry. Smooth. Cylindrical/tapers up. Stuffed (hollow in age).

Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: BIGBR, HAMVL, HIRIP, LONGC, MCHPV, PIGTL, RKBRP.

**Notes**: Mycobank 163047. Pigtail specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

**References**: M&M 77. W&L 425-6.



SPORES (8.5-9.8 X 7.6-8.1 µm): Pigtail, 10/6/2009, R. Solem.