

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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[\*Russula albidula\*](#)  
Russulaceae

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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  $\mu$ m): Pigtail, 10/6/2009, *R. Solem*.