

Blackish-red Russula

*Russula atropurpurea*  
(Krombholz) Britzelmayr



TOP: Bollman Place, 9/7/2014,  
*J. Solem*.  
SIDE: Western Regional Park,  
8/26/2020, *J. Solem*.  
GILLS and STALK: Western Regional  
Park, 8/26/2020, *J. Solem*.

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*Russulaceae*

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**ID:** Reddish-purple, center darker w/ discolored areas, depressed. Stalk longitudinally wrinkled.

**Habitat:** Solitary, scattered. On ground in deciduous or mixed forests.

**Cap:** 2.4 – 4.8" [6 – 12 cm]

Reddish-purple; blackish-purple over center. Velvety (dry); viscid (wet). Convex (plane/depressed in age). Cuticle peels 1/2-2/3 to center. Margin even or wavy (at times). Flesh white and brittle. Taste mild/slightly acrid. No strong odor.

**Gills:** Yellowish-white (somewhat darker in age). Attached or notched. Close.

**Spores:** *White/cream*. Ellipsoid, ornamented.

**Stalk:** 2 – 4" x 0.6 – 1.8" [5 – 10 cm x 1.5 – 4.5 cm]

Whitish (yellowish-brown near base), bruises ashy. Dry. Smooth/velvety w/ longitudinal wrinkles. Equal; sometimes swollen at base. Solid/spongy.

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** BOLPL, SYRIV, WSKPV, WSTRP.

**Notes:** Mycobank 356485. One of the first *Russulas* to appear in the spring. Bollman Place and Western Regional Park specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

**Synonym:** *Russula krombholzii*. *Russula vinacea*.

**References:** BBH 78. BRBD 196, 45. K&M 350. Lin 703, 329. Phi 135. Rog. Stu 33. W&L 424.



SPORES (7.2 – 8.3 X 5.8 – 6.8  
µm): Bollman Place, 9/7/2014,  
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