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## 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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**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.

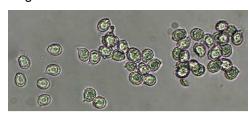
Frequency: Occasional.

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, *R. Solem*.