## Short-stemmed Russula

Russula brevipes Peck





OVERALL: North Laurel Park, 8/30/2009, *R. Solem*. OVERALL: North Laurel Park, 7/29/2008, *J. Solem*. GILLS: North Laurel Park, 8/30/2009, *J. Solem*. SPORES (7.7-8.4 X 6.3-6.8 μm): North Laurel Park, 8/30/2009, *R. Solem*.

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**ID**: Cap white/cream (yellowish in age), coated w/ tiny matted fibrils (and dirt); convex (funnel-shaped in age); margin uplifted in age. Stalk color of cap.

**Habitat**: Solitary, scattered, groups. On ground in pine needles or in mixed forests.

## **Cap**: 3.5 – 8" [9 – 20 cm]

White/cream (yellowish in age). Dry. Coated w/ tiny matted, fibrils and often covered w/ dirt. Convex (nearly flat/funnel-shaped in age). Cuticle peels 1/3 to center. Margin inrolled (uplifted in age). Flesh (8 mm) white; brittle at first but spongy in age. Taste acrid.

**Gills**: White, cream; stain reddish-brown. Attached/decurrent. Crowded. Narrow, forked. Depth 2 mm.

Spores: White/cream/pale yellow. Nearly round, warts 0.7-1.7 µm.

**Stalk**: 1 - 3" x 1 - 1.5" [2.5 - 7.5 cm x 2.5 - 4 cm] White/cream, often w/ pale greenish band at apex. Stains brownish. Dry. Smooth. Cylindrical/slight taper down.

Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: HAMVL, HIRIP, MCHPV, NOLAP, PIGTL, RKBRP, WSTRP.

**Notes**: Mycobank 166953. North Laurel Park 8/30/2009 record identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. May be attacked by *Hypomyces lactifluorum*.

**References**: Bar 310. BBF 244, 308. BBH 79. Bni 48. E&S 234. Lin 698, 252. M&M 76. Phi 126. Roo 217fn. Stu 34.