Russula densifolia Singer











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## **Crowded Bittergill**

Russula densifolia Russulaceae

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**ID**: Smoothish white cap becoming stained w/ gray; skin peels halfway. Pores stain black. Flesh & stalk stain pink to red.

**Habitat**: Solitary, scattered, groups. On ground in deciduous, conifer, or mixed woods.

**Cap**: 1.6 - 6" [4 - 15 cm]

White (but quickly ashy gray/brownish/blackish). Smooth/finely velvety; viscid when wet. Broadly convex (central depression or shallowly vase-shaped in age). Margin somewhat inrolled when young; skin peels halfway. Flesh white, slowly stains red (occasionally), then gray/black when cut. Taste mild to very hot (but Kuo says mild to very acrid).

**Gills**: White-cream (then yellowish). Attached. Close. Bruise red (sometimes), then black.

Spores: White.

**Stalk**:  $0.6 - 3.5 \times 0.4 - 0.6$ " [ $1.5 - 9 \text{ cm } \times 1 - 1.4 \text{ cm}$ ]

White (darkens like cap, may stain pink/red). Dry. Smooth/slightly felty.

Equal. Stuffed (hollow in age).

Frequency: Occasional.

Locations: FRANF, HAMVL, UMDCF, WINTR.

**Notes**: Mycobank 184435. Specimens shown sained shades of pin/levender not red

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**References**: Bar 310. Bin 183. BBF 246fn. Bni 50. BRBD 192, 44.

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