Beeswax Russula

Russula earlei Peck







TOPS (older): Hammond Village, 8/11/2012, J. Solem.
SIDE (older): Morning Choice Trail, PVSP, 7/28/2014, J. Solem.
GILLS (younger): Hammond Village, 8/11/2012, J. Solem.
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ID: Straw yellow; convex (depressed in age); waxy. Stalk roughened.

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

Cap: 1.2 – 3.2" [3 – 8 cm]

Pale-/straw-/honey-yellow. Waxy; viscid (wet); lumpy. Convex (plane/ depressed in age). Margin even (inrolled when young). Flesh white/pale yellow. Taste mild/slightly acrid. No strong odor.

Gills: White (pale yellow in age). Waxy. Attached. Widely spaced. Bruise pale reddish-brown.

Spores: White. Nearly round, roughened.

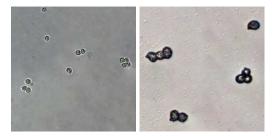
Stalk: 1 - 2.5" x 1/4 - 3/4 [2.5 - 6.5 cm x 0.5 - 2 cm] White/pale yellow. Dry. Surface roughened. Equal. Solid/spongy.

Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: BIGBR, DANPV, HAMVL, HIRIP, MCHPV, OTHER, WINTR, WSKPV.

Notes: Mycobank 191681. Hammond Village and Morning Choice Trail specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Subsection *Archaeinae*; only species in North America.

References: BBH 80. Bin 185. K&M 342. Kuo. Phi 143. Rog. Roo 223. Stu 23.



SPORES (4.8-6.1 X 4.2-4.8 μm): Morning Choice Trail, PVSP, 7/28/2014, *R. Solem*.

SPORES (4.6-5.7 X 4.1-5.0 µm): Hammond Village, 8/11/2012, R. Solem.