

Almond-scented Russula

*Russula laurocerasi* Melzer



TOP: Long Corner, PRSP, 6/19/2010, *J. Solem*.  
 GILLS and STALK: Long Corner, PRSP, 6/19/2010, *J. Solem*.  
 OVERALL: Long Corner, PRSP, 6/19/2010, *R. Orr*.

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[\*Russula lauricasti\*](#)  
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**ID:** Cap white/cream, sticky when wet; broadly convex (shallowly depressed in age). Stalk white. Almond odor. Taste not distinctive or becomes acrid.

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

**Cap:** 1.5 – 4" [2.5 – 10 cm]

Tawny to yellowish-brown (ivory when young). Smooth; viscid when wet. Convex (broadly convex in age). Cuticle peels 3/4 to center. Margin deeply and widely striate. Flesh white, brittle. Almond odor (foetid odor in age). Taste not distinctive or becomes acrid.

**Gills:** Grayish-cream/yellowish-white. Attached. Crowded; some forked near stalk.

**Spores:** *Pale yellow*.

**Stalk:** 1 – 4" x 0.4 – 1.1" [2.5 – 10 cm x 1 – 3 cm]

White/yellowish-white. Dry. Smooth. Equal. Stuffed (hollow in age).

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** LONGC. MPENA. RKBRP. WINTR.

**Notes:** Mycobank 344673. ID was by macro characteristics, not by microscopic examination of spores.

**Synonym:** *R. grata*

**References:** Bar 315. BBF 245, 309. BBH 81. Bin 195. Bni 52. BRBD 193fn. Kuo. Lin 704, 306. M&M 82. Phi 128. Rog. Roo 128, 227. Stu 27.