

Green Quilt Russula

Russula virescens
(Schaeffer) Fries [complex]



TOP: Morning Choice Trail, PVSP, 9/13/2011, R. Orr.
TOP: MPEA, 7/31/2012, J. Solem.
SIDE: MPEA, 7/31/2012, J. Solem.
GILLS: MPEA, 7/31/2012, J. Solem.

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Russulaceae

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ID: Cap gray/blue-green, quilt-like patches; hemispheric (broadly convex in age). Stalk white.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered. On ground in mixed forests (oak, beech, pine).

Cap: 3 – 4.5" [7.5 – 11.5 cm]

Grayish-/dull bluish-green, lighter "quilt-like patches." Dry (not sticky); dull/velvety, cracks into quilt-like patches. Hemispheric (broadly convex w/ depressed center in age). Margin faintly striate. Flesh white, brittle.

Gills: White (pale yellowish in age). Attached. Close. *No cross veins.*

Spores: *White.* Microscopically nearly indistinguishable from *R. crustosa.*

Stalk: 1.2 – 2.5" x 0.3 – 1.5" [3 – 6.5 cm x 0.8 – 2.4 cm]
White. Dry. Smooth. Equal. Stuffed, becoming hollow.

Frequency: Fairly common

Locations: BRNBR, CASCT, LONGC, MCHPV, ROBNC, SYRIV, TUFTS.

Notes: Micobank 203449. Microscopic examination of spores by R. Orr is basis for identification.

References: K&M 351. Lin 700fn. M&M 79. Phi 138. Roo 234. W&L 427-8.