

Bitter Tooth

Sarcodon imbricatus (Linnaeus) P. Karsten



OVERALL: Pigtail, 8/17/2009, R. Solem.

CAP EDGE and SPINES: Pigtail, 8/17/2009, R. Solem.

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ID: Stalk colored like cap, bluish-black near base. Cap reddish-/chestnut-brown, surface smooth (cracked/scaly showing dingy white/pale yellow flesh in age); convex/nearly flat. Spines pale brown/grayish (darker in age). Taste very bitter.

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

Cap: 2– 6" [5 – 15 cm]

Pinkish-/reddish-/chesnut-/blackish-brown; surface soon becoming cracked and scaly showing yellowish-brown/dingy white beneath, scales appressed/somewhat erect at center. Convex/nearly flat. Flesh whitish, firm, brittle.

Fertile surface: Spines 1/4 – 3/8" [6 – 10 mm]; pale brown/grayish (reddish-/dark-brown in ag¹/₄ decurrent).

Stalk: 1.5 – 4" x 0.6 – 1.4" [4 – 10 cm x 1.5 – 3.5 cm]

Colored like cap, bluish-green/blackish near base. Smooth, dry. Tapers up, base swollen. Hollow in age.

Spores: Pale brown.

Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: PIGTL.

Notes: Mycobank 414481.

References: Kuo.