

Witches' Butter

Tremella mesenterica (Schaeffer) Retzius



OVERALL: MPENA, 12/5/2009, R. Orr.
SIDE: Henryton, PVSP, 12/28/2008, W. Earp.

OVERALL: Mount Pleasant, 12/27/2015,
J. Solem.

OVERALL: Daniels, PVSP, 6/2/2016,
J. Solem.

Branch with both *Tremella mesenterica*
and *P. albobadia* visible (Fred
Archibald Audubon Sanctuary in
Frederick County, 1/11/2020, E.
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[*Tremella mesenterica*](#)

Tremellaceae

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ID: Body pale yellow/yellow-orange; multi-lobed mass; rubbery.

Habitat: Clusters. On decaying hardwood branches/logs.

Fruiting Body: 0.6 – 2.8" [1.5 – 7 cm]

Pale yellow/yellow/yellow-orange. Wrinkled, brain-like, multi-lobed spreading mass. Rubberly.

Spores: White/yellowish.

Frequency: Abundant.

Locations: ANNRK, BENBR, BIGBR, BOLPL, BRNBR, CASCT, CEDLP, CENPK, DANPV, DORWD, FRANF, GONRA, HAMVL, HENPV, HIRIP, HOLLO, HOUCH, MANWD, MPENA, MCHPV, MTPLT, OTHER, PIGTL, RKBPR, ROBNB, ROGOR, SAVPK, SLMLP, SYRIV, TRITR, UMDCF, WSKPV, WSTRP, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 154470. Parasitic on crust fungi (*Peniophora* spp), which may be only present as mycelium, so usually appears to be parasitic on wood. *Dacrymyces palmatus* (Orange Jelly) grows on conifers.

Synonym: *Tremella lutescens*.

References: Bar 102. BBF 433, 436. BBH 316. Bin 439. Bni 511. E&S 365. K&M 373. Lin 385, 566. Roo 454.