Bitter Bolete

Tylopilus felleus (Bullard) P. Karsten

Cap pinkish-purple (shades of brown/tan in age); rounded/convex (flatter in age). Pores white (pinkish in age). Stalk w/ prominent brown reticulation (at least upper 1/3). Use NH₄OH and KOH.

Habitat: Solitary, groups. On ground or decaying wood in forests.

Cap: 2 – 11.8" [5 – 30 cm]  
Pinkish/reddish-purple (tan/brown/buff in age); often slowly stains brown/orange-yellow. Dry. Minutely felty (smooth in age); sometimes sticky when wet. Rounded/convex (broadly convex/flat in age). Margin may become pitted in age. Flesh (12 – 14 mm) white and spongy; very bitter. May slowly stain pinkish when cut.


Stalk: 1.5 – 7.9" x 0.4 – 1.2" [4 – 20 cm x 1 – 3 cm]  

Frequency: common.

Locations: BRNBR, BIGBR, HAMVL, LONGC, MPENA, NOLAP, PIGTL, RKBRP, SAVPK, WINTR, WSTRP.

Notes: Mycobank 122480. Big Branch and Rockburn Branch Park specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. KOH and NH₄OH stain cap amber/reddish-orange. KOH stains flesh greenish-olive. NH₄OH on flesh flashes pale yellow surrounded by pale blue.