

Tree-Ear
Ear Fungus

Auricularia spp Parmasto & I. Parmasto
ex Audet, Boulet & Sirard



OVERALL: MPENA, 5/31/2009, *J. Solem*.
OVERALL: Gorman Stream Valley NRA, 5/23/12, *J. Solem*.
OVERALL: Daniels PVSP, 6/23/2014, *J. Solem*.
SPORES (14.3 – 18.5 X 5.0 – 5.4 µm): Daniels PVSP, 6/23/2014, *J. Solem*.

Tree-Ear
Ear Fungus

[Auricularia](#)
Auriculariaceae

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
+++	++++	++++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+-+	+++

ID: Body reddish-brown (outer), grayish-brown (inner); ear-shaped/irregular; rubbery.

Habitat: Solitary, groups, fused clusters. On decaying wood.

Fruiting Body: 1.1 – 5.9" [3 – 15 cm]

Reddish-brown (outer), yellowish-/reddish-/grayish-/purplish-brown (inner), minutely hairy/velvety. Ear-shaped to irregularly cup-shaped; stalkless. Flesh rubbery.

Spores: *White*, sausage-shaped, smooth.

Frequency: Abundant.

Locations: BIGBR, BRNBR, CASCT, CEDLP, CENPK, DANPV, FHWLP, FRANF, GONRA, GWACP, HENPV, HIRIP, LONGC, MCHPV, MCLUR, MPENA, MTPLT, MURHL, OTHER, PIGTL, PRSP, SAVPK, SLMLP, UMDCF, WSTRP, WILLK, WINFR, WINTR, WSKPV.

Synonyms:

Notes: Mycobank 240633. Several species occur in continental United States which differ microscopically. There are no easily accessed scientific references for the U.S. species. *A. auricula* and *A. auricula-judae* are European species; many of the references still use these. Spores from Daniels specimen examined by R. Solem. Specimens shown in photos on left were on deciduous wood.

References: Bar 105. BBF 430, 435. BBH 310. Bin 313. BRBD 302, 79. E&S 360. K&M 105. Lin 380, 617. M&M 497. Phi 357. Roo 452.