

Fragrant Lactarius
Aromatic Milk Mushroom

Lactarius camphoratus
(Bullard) Fries



OVERALL: Big Branch, 6/26/2016,
J. Solem.

OVERALL: Pigtail, 9/18/2015, *J. Solem.*
GILLS and STALK: Big Branch,
6/26/2016, *J. Solem.*

SPORES (6.4-7.4 X 6.2-7.2 μ m): Pigtail,
9/18/2015, *R. Solem.*

Fragrant Lactarius
Aromatic Milk Mushroom

[*Lactarius camphoratus*](#)
Russulaceae

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

ID: Small reddish-brown cap, often somewhat depressed. Latex white. White mycelium. Often fragrant. Use KOH.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered, groups. Wet ground in mixed forests.

Cap: 0.8 – 1.8" [1" – 4.5 cm]

Dark reddish-brown (fading to dull pink in age). Convex w/ umbo (broadly convex/slightly depressed in age). Smooth (usually). Flesh cinnamon/whitish, brittle. Latex white or watery-white (does not stain). Odor of maple sugar (sometimes). Taste slightly bitter.

Gills: Whitish/pale pink (reddish in age). Attached/slightly decurrent. Close/crowded.

Spores: *White/off-white*. Nearly round/broadly ellipsoid; ornamented w/ isolated spines and ridges 1 μ m.

Stalk: 1.2 – 3.9" x 0.4" [1.5 – 6 cm x 1 cm]
Colored like cap. Equal. Smooth or white hairs at base.

Frequency: Very common.

Locations: BENBR, BIGBR, BOLPL, BRNBR, DANPV, FRANF, GONRA, HENPV, HIRIP, LONGC, MANWD, MCHPV, MURHL, NOLAP, OTHER, PIGTL, ROBNC, ROGOR, RKBPR, SYRIV, WSKPV, WSTRP, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 233655. Browns Bridge and Pigtail specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. KOH stains cap olive.

References: BBF 163key. BBH 61. BHB 156, 63. Bni 78. K&M 233. Kuo. Lin 681, 295. M&M 92. Rog. Roo 84.