Leafy Brain Jelly Leaf

Phaeotremella frondosa (Persoon) Spirin & Malysheva



OVERALL: Pigtail, 10/23/2009, *R. Solem*. OVERALL: Pigtail, 8/7/2014, *J. Solem*. SPORES (8.2 – 9.3 X 6.8 – 8.3 μm): Pigtail, 8/7/2014, *J. Solem*.



ID: Body pale/dark reddish-brown; lettuce-like rubbery folds.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered. On decaying hardwoods. Parasitic on mycelium (not fruiting bodies) of *Stereum* spp.

Fruiting Body: $2 - 10^{\circ} \times 2 - 4^{\circ} [5 - 25.5 \text{ cm} \times 5 - 10 \text{ cm}]$ Pale/dark reddish-brown, rarely pale brownish-yellow. Lettuce-like cluster of leaf-like folds. Rubbery.

Spores: Pale yellow. Ellipsoid, smooth, hyaline.

Frequency: Very common.

Locations: BIGBR, DANPV, GONRA, HAMVL, HENPV, HOUCH, HOWCH, MPENA, MCHPV, ORRBB, PIGTL, RKBRP, ROGOR, WATLP, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 173674. Pigtail 8/7/2014 specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Related species, *P. foliacea*, is found on conifers.

Synonym: Tremella frondosa.

References: Bar 104. BBF 433, 436. BBH 315. Bin 435. Bni 514. BRBD 306, 80. K&M 373. Lin 384, 754. Roo 452fn. W&L 514.