

Matchmaker: Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest

Below are written descriptions and images of fruiting bodies, mushrooms, of the fungal species in this ectomycorrhizal association. The information is from the web version of the Matchmaker: Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest (MMPNW) created by the Canadian Forest Service and based on the Windows MMPNW version 1.3 by Ian and Eli Gibson.

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LATIN NAME(S) *Clitocybe truncicola* (Peck) Sacc.; *Clitocybe subtruncicola* Murrill

ENGLISH NAME(S) log Clitocybe

NOTES a notable feature is growth on hardwood logs and stumps, other features include convex to flat hoary white cap, adnate to short-decurrent whitish gills, whitish often curved stem, and whitish spore deposit; reported from BC by D.P. Lowe and Schalkwijk-Barendsen from Alberta, collections examined by Bigelow for FL, ME, MI, NM, NY, TN

CAP 1-3.5(6)cm, broadly convex with inrolled margin, becoming flat, margin remaining narrowly inrolled, broadly depressed when old and margin wavy; white, sometimes faintly watery yellowish about disc in wet weather, faintly buff overall when old; heavily canescent (hoary), appearing finely matted fibrillose in places under a lens, rarely rivulose, canescence appressed when old, not striate, (Bigelow), 1-5cm, broadly convex with an inrolled margin, becoming flatter then broadly depressed when old with a wavy margin; whitish becoming buff-colored; thickly covered in dense white downy hairs, (Phillips), up to 6.5cm, off-white with pinkish buff or pinkish brown markings on disc, sometimes staying white, (Schalkwijk-Barendsen)

FLESH thin, firm; white (Bigelow, Phillips), off-white (Schalkwijk-Barendsen)

GILLS adnate to short decurrent, close to crowded, narrow (up to 0.3cm, rarely up to 0.5cm), not forked; whitish; not interveined, (Bigelow), adnate to short decurrent, close to crowded, narrow; whitish to creamy buff, (Phillips), decurrent, close, narrow; off-white to faintly pink, (Schalkwijk-Barendsen)

STEM 1-3(4.5)cm x 0.15-0.5(1.5)cm, eccentric at times, terete (not flattened), equal or base slightly enlarged, stuffed, often curved; white, finally pale buff when old; top slightly pruinose at times, innately fibrillose below, basal mycelium sparse, rhizomorphs few or absent, (Bigelow), 1-4cm x 0.2-1.0cm, base sometimes enlarged or curved, stuffed; white to pale cream or pale pinky-buff; slight bloom at top, fine dense hairs in lower part, (Phillips), up to 4cm x 0.5cm, slender, tough, hollow, often bent, whitish to brownish, (Schalkwijk-Barendsen)

VEIL none

ODOR not distinctive (Bigelow), not distinctive (Phillips), faintly or strongly aromatic, like Japanese oranges, (Schalkwijk-Barendsen)

TASTE not distinctive (Bigelow), not distinctive (Phillips)

EDIBILITY no

HABITAT usually scattered or gregarious, rarely solitary or subcespitate (somewhat tufted), on hardwood logs and stumps, (Bigelow), on hardwood stumps and fallen trunks, (Phillips)

SPORE DEPOSIT white usually, rarely faintly cream in heavy deposit (Bigelow), white (Phillips, Schalkwijk-Barendsen)

MICROSCOPIC spores 3.5-4.5(5) x 2.5-3.5(4) microns, nearly round to broadly elliptic, smooth, inamyloid, cyanophobic, (Bigelow); basidia 4-spored, 12-23(26) x 3.5-5(6) microns; pleurocystidia and cheilocystidia presumably absent; clamp connections present, (Bigelow), spores 3.5-4.5 x 2.5-3.5 microns, elliptic to nearly round, smooth, inamyloid, (Phillips)

NAME ORIGIN means 'living on trunk'

SOURCES Bigelow(5), Phillips*, Schalkwijk-Barendsen*

FAMILY Tricholomataceae of Order Agaricales