

## 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)** Cortinarius obtusus Fr. group Arora

**ENGLISH NAME(S)** little brown Cortinarius

**NOTES** subgenus Telamonia; obtusus group as described below by Arora is a group of small slender-stemmed thin-fleshed brown Telamonias; it is not clear which species occur in the Pacific Northwest, but the following names have been used in the past: acutu

**CAP** 1-4cm, bellshaped to conical expanding but usually retaining umbo; hygrophanous, brown to reddish-brown to tawny-brown, fading to tan or paler as it dries; faintly striate when moist almost to center

**FLESH** thin; brownish

**GILLS** adnate to adnexed, close; light to dull brown becoming cinnamon-brown, (Arora), may become white-edged tawny

**STEM** 4-8cm x 0.2-0.6cm, equal or often wider in the middle, hollow when old, fragile, colored like cap or often yellower or paler, then whitish or pallid as it loses moisture; dry

**VEIL** scanty, pallid or whitish universal veil and cortina, disappearing or leaving a few fibrils on stem

**ODOR** usually radish- or iodine-like but often faint

**EDIBILITY** unknown

**HABITAT** scattered to densely gregarious on ground under conifers

**SPORE DEPOSIT** brown to rusty-brown

**MICROSCOPIC** spores 8-10 x 4-5.5 microns (obtusus), elliptic, rough

**NAME ORIGIN** name means 'blunt', probably referring to umbo

**SIMILAR** Inocybes which have duller brown spores; like Galerinas which are yellower and typically grow in moss or on wood

**SOURCES** Arora, Phillips\*, Brandrud\*

**FAMILY** Cortinariaceae of Order Agaricales