

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) *Mycena epipterygia* (Fr.) S.F.Gray var. 'viscosa' (Maire) Ricken sensu Smith North American Species of *Mycena* p.421. 1947; *Mycena viscosa* (Sec.) Maire sensu Smith

ENGLISH NAME(S) yellow-stemmed *Mycena*

NOTES Section *Viscosae* (Smith), Section *Hygrocyboideae* (Maas Geesteranus); features include small size, viscid striate cap that is usually yellowish gray, yellowish, or greenish gray, becoming dingy brownish, gills that are whitish, yellowish or tinged g

CAP 0.8-1.0cm, ovoid when young, becoming obtuse to convex, often rather broadly expanded to slightly umbonate when old, margin appressed against stem at first, later flaring; variable in color but usually yellowish gray, yellowish, or greenish gray, when old becoming dingy brownish; very viscid, surface covered with a separable tenacious pellicle; white-pruinose when young but becoming bald and shiny, often striate-grooved when old

FLESH thin, tenacious; colored as surface, sordid reddish when old

GILLS adnate to arcuate or, with decurrent tooth, subdistant, 18-26 reaching stem, 2 tiers of subgills, narrow to moderately broad; whitish, yellowish or tinged greenish gray, often spotted reddish brown when old, edges pallid

STEM 3-7(10)cm x 0.1-0.2(0.3)cm, equal, tenacious, viscid, faintly pruinose overall when young but soon shining and glutinous, lemon yellow or tinged greenish yellow, when old usually reddish at base

VEIL none

ODOR strong, somewhat resembling fresh cucumber

TASTE rancid-farinaceous and very strong

EDIBILITY unknown

HABITAT gregarious under oak and pine

SPORE DEPOSIT presumably white or pale buff

MICROSCOPIC spores 8-11 x 5-8 microns, for two-spored 9-11 x 6.5-8 microns, drop-shaped to somewhat oval, for four-spored 8-10 x 5-6.5 microns, smooth, amyloid; cheilocystidia abundant, 40-60 x 6-9 microns, with long flexuous gelatinizing pedicels, tops club-shaped and covered with short contorted projections or obtuse fingerlike processes

NAME ORIGIN means "surmounted by a small wing"

SIMILAR like var. *epipterygia* but strong odor and taste and changing flesh

SOURCES Smith(1), Maas Geesteranus

FAMILY Tricholomataceae of Order Agaricales