

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) *Pholiota malicola* (C.Kauffman) Smith group Arora

ENGLISH NAME(S) forgettable *Pholiota*

NOTES a group of "difficult-to-distinguish, scale-less (but not veil-less), yellowish to rusty or tawny, wood-inhabiting species" which grow in groups or clusters, including *alnicola*, *abieticola* (found in NC), *subvelutina*, *flavida*, *oregonensis*, and *malicola*

CAP 3-8(15)cm, convex becoming flat, may be slightly umbonate, margin often wavy; yellow to ochraceous tawny, orange, or orange-buff, fading; viscid or dry, smooth, margin may have a few veil remnants

FLESH pallid or yellowish

GILLS adnexed or notched, close; yellowish becoming rusty-brown or reddish cinnamon

STEM 4-15cm x 0.4-1(2.5)cm, equal or narrowing downward or widening at base, solid, dry, fibrillose but not scaly, pallid or yellowish above, darker (tawny or colored like cap) below, becoming rusty brown from falling spores

VEIL fibrillose, disappearing or forming a slight ring or zone of fibrils near top of stem

ODOR mild or faintly fragrant

EDIBILITY unknown

HABITAT in groups or clusters on rotting logs and stumps, wood chips

SPORE DEPOSIT rusty-brown

MICROSCOPIC spores 7.5-11 x 4.5-5.5 microns, elliptic, smooth, somewhat dextrinoid at least in some, with apical germ pore, chrysocystidia absent

NAME ORIGIN means 'living on apple tree'

SOURCES Arora*, Phillips*, Smith(3)

FAMILY Strophariaceae of Order Agaricales