Matchmaker: Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest

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LATIN NAME(S) Plicaturopsis crispa (Pers. ex Fr.) Reid; Trogia crispa Fr.

ENGLISH NAME(S) crimped gill

NOTES features include shelflike growth in overlapping clusters on hardwoods, reddish brown to yellow brown to tan cap that is dry, tomentose, and concentrically zoned, gill-like folds with wavy edges, and small narrow spores; found northeastern North America, west to ND, reported from eastern WA and from BC and OR

CAP 1-2.3cm, shelflike, in overlapping clusters or groups, fanshaped to shellshaped, concentrically zoned, margin lobed; yellow-orange to reddish brown or yellow-brown (Bessette), yellow-brown to tan (Lincoff); dry, finely tomentose (Bessette), hairy (Lincoff)

FLESH thin, membranous, flexible when moist, hard and brittle when dry

GILLS gill-like, crimped (with wavy edges), sometimes shallow and veinlike, well-spaced, narrow, typically forked; whitish to grayish

STEM very short, a narrow central extension of the cap, sometimes absent

ODOR not distinctive

TASTE not distinctive

EDIBILITY inedible

HABITAT on branches and trunks of hardwoods, fruits year round

SPORE DEPOSIT white

MICROSCOPIC 3-4 x 1-1.5 microns, sausage-shaped to elliptic, smooth (Bessette) cylindric to narrowly elliptic (Lincoff)

NAME ORIGIN means 'curly'

SOURCES Bessette(2)*, Lincoff(2)*, Courtecuisse*, Andrew Parker (pers. comm.), Barron*, Zeller(2)

FAMILY Atheliaceae of Order Polyporales