

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) *Tricholoma terreum* (Schaeffer:Fries) Kummer group Arora

ENGLISH NAME(S) mouse *Tricholoma*

NOTES group includes small *Tricholomas* with fragile flesh and dry, scaly or "furry" mouse-colored cap; group includes true *terreum* (lacks cortina according to Arora but not Lincoff(1)), *myomyces* (fleeting cobwebby cortina, smaller spores, most common North American member), *atrosquamosum* (or at least *squarulosum* with mouse-colored fibrils or scales on stem as well as cap), *orirubens* (slightly larger, with gills that redden when old), *argyraceum* (slightly larger, favors hardwoods, gills turn yellow when old), *acre* (slightly larger, similar to *virgatum* but slightly smaller cap 3-9cm, grayish fibrillose cap, white to grayish gills, peppery taste, fairly common under hardwoods in east and Rockies); members of this group occur in the Pacific Northwest, and are commonly on foray lists from BC

CAP 2-5(7)cm, conical or convex-umbonate becoming more or less flat; hairy or felty from a dense layer of gray to black scales, scales often sparser and color often paler (silvery gray or even white) toward margin, often becoming paler and less scaly when old; dry

FLESH thin, fragile; white to gray

GILLS adnate to adnexed or notched, fairly close; white to gray

STEM 2-5(8)cm x 0.5-1cm, equal or slightly thicker below, white or tinged gray, smooth

VEIL absent or cobwebby and evanescent

ODOR mild to slightly farinaceous

TASTE mild to slightly farinaceous

EDIBILITY not recommended

HABITAT scattered to densely gregarious on ground under conifers

SPORE DEPOSIT white

MICROSCOPIC spores 6-8 x 3.5-5.5 microns, elliptic, smooth, presumably inamyloid

NAME ORIGIN means "earth-colored"

SOURCES Arora*, Lincoff(1)*, Schalkwijk-Barendsen*, Kibby*, Courtecuisse*

FAMILY *Tricholomataceae* of Order *Agaricales*