

bear lentinus mushroom

Lentinellus ursinus

FEATURES

The cap of the fruiting body grows up to about four inches wide and is kidney-shaped to semicircular. This structure is convex and velvety or hairy at least over the inner third. The cap may be brown, red-brown or tan and has an inwardly rolled margin. Gills are white to pink with saw-toothed edges. A spore print from this species will be creamy white. There is no stem.

BEHAVIORS

This species grows in clusters or groups on deadwood of mainly hardwood trees. It can be found in summer and fall.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Fungi

Phylum: Basidiomycota

Class: Agaricomycetes

Order: Russulales

Family: Auriscalpiaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE



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Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests; peatlands; swamps

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge