

# marshmallow polypore

## *Spongipellis pachyodon*

### FEATURES

The fruiting body is variable in form, sometimes just appearing as a pore surface. Sometimes the caps are well-defined and at other times they are not. The fruiting body is about two inches wide and two inches deep and white to pale yellow. The pores are often eroded from the flesh and have a toothlike appearance. The spore print is believed to be white.

### BEHAVIORS

The fruiting bodies grow in stacks or clusters on the trunks of oaks and other hardwoods. They appear in summer and fall. This is a parasitic species that feeds on living tree tissues. It causes a white heart rot.

### TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Fungi  
Phylum: Basidiomycota  
Class: Basidiomycetes  
Order: Polyporales  
Family: Cerrenaceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### ILLINOIS RANGE





### **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

### **Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; upland deciduous forests

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

edge