



turkeytail

Coriolus versicolor

Kingdom: Fungi
Division/Phylum: Basidiomycota
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

The turkeytail fungus has a thin, flat, leathery fruiting body. Its spores are produced in layers of tubes on the under surface of the fruiting body. The upper surface of the fruiting body has bands of alternating colors, ranging from blue-brown to yellow-brown. Turkeytail may be distinguished from other similar fungi by the pores on its white lower surface. Spores are smooth.

BEHAVIORS

Turkeytail may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in dead wood or wounded deciduous trees. Spores are produced whenever conditions are favorable.

HABITATS

- bottomland forests
- coniferous forest
- southern Illinois lowlands
- upland deciduous forest

ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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