

*Sarcodon imbricatus* (L.) Karst.ROD name *Sarcodon imbricatus*

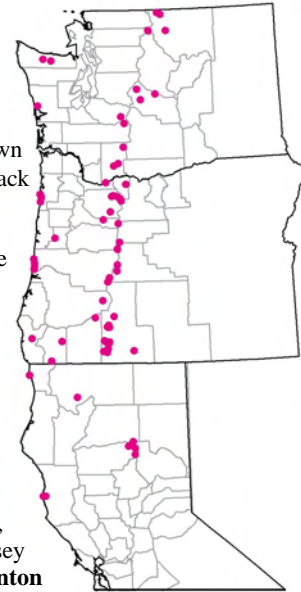
Family Hydnaceae

Morphological Habit tooth fungus

**Description:** CAP 50-200 mm in diam., convex to plane or centrally depressed, tan to pale brown or dull red-brown, covered with large, coarse, broad, raised, or shinglelike darker brown to nearly black scales, often upturned in age. CONTEXT pale to gray, tan, or brown. SPINES 2-15 mm long, slightly decurrent, pale brown or gray becoming dark brown in age. STEM 40-100 mm long, 15-35 mm in diam., often enlarged below, often hollow near apex particularly with age, central or off-center, some shade of brown. ODOR mild, when dry somewhat smoky or chocolate-like. TASTE mild to bitter. BASIDIA 50-55 x 6.7-8 µm, clavate, 4 spored. CYSTIDIA absent. CLAMP CONNECTIONS absent. SPORES ellipsoid to subglobose, tuberculate, apiculate, 6.0-7.2 x 4.7-6.7 µm, inamyloid, acyanophilic, spore print brown.

**Distinguishing Features:** *Sarcodon imbricatus* is similar to *Sarcodon scabrosum*, but the latter has an olive-black stem and less scaly cap.

**Distribution:** Widely distributed. **CALIFORNIA**, Del Norte Co., Crescent City; **Mendocino** Co., Jackson State Forest, Aleuria Glen; **Shasta** Co., Lassen Volcanic National Park; **Siskiyou** Co., Klamath National Forest, Duck Lake trailhead; **Tehama** Co., Lassen National Forest (LNF), Gurnsey Creek campground, Hwy. 89; LNF, Mineral Ranger Station, Mineral area; **OREGON**, **Benton** Co., Siuslaw National Forest (SNF), Mary's Peak, Woods Creek Rd.; **Clackamas** Co., Mount Hood National Forest (MHNF), east fork of Salmon River; MHNF, Mile Bridge; MHNF, Still Creek; MHNF, Twin Bridges; MHNF, west of Wapinita Summit, Cascades; **Curry** Co., Siskiyou National Forest, 2 km northeast of Wildhorse Lookout; **Deschutes** Co., Deschutes National Forest (DNF), southeast shore of Cultus Lake; DNF, Six Lakes trail; **Douglas** Co., Umpqua National Forest, Clearwater River; **Hood River** Co., MHNF, Hood River Ranger Station; **Jackson** Co., Rogue River National Forest, Union Creek campground; **Jefferson** Co., Breitenbush Lake; **Josephine** Co., Takilma; Grants Pass; **Klamath** Co., Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Klamath Falls Resource Area, 1.6 km west of Surveyor Peak; Winema National Forest (WINF), 3.2 km north of Blue Springs; WINF, 4.8 km northeast of Sevenmile Marsh; WINF, about 0.8 km east of Odessa campground; WINF, Clover Creek; WINF, Crater Lake south entrance; WINF, Four Mile Creek; WINF, Pothole Butte; WINF, Spenser Creek; BLM, Klamath Falls Resource Area, east Miner's Creek; **Lane** Co., Willamette National Forest (WNF), Mule Prairie area, Willamette Hwy.; SNF, Siltcoos Lake; WNF, Waldo Lake; WNF, McKenzie Pass; SNF, Woahink Lake; near Florence; north of Florence; **Linn** Co., WNF, 1.6 km east of Lava camp; **Marion** Co., WNF, 1.6 km south of Whetstone Mountain; **Multnomah** Co., MHNF, Mount Wilson, Multnomah Falls; **Tillamook** Co., Camp Meriweather; BLM, Tillamook Resource Area, north of Sand Lake; BLM, Tillamook Resource Area, Sand Lake; Cape Lookout, Sandlake dunes; Pacific City sand dunes; **Wasco** Co., MHNF, Frog Lake; **WASHINGTON**, **Clallam** Co., Olympic National Park (ONP), North Fork trailhead; ONP, Olympic Hot Springs; **Grays Harbor** Co., Ocean City State Park, Copalis Crossing; **Kittitas** Co., Cooper Lake; Easton Knoll; Wenatchee National Forest, Swauk campground; **Lewis** Co., Mount Rainier National Park (MRNP), 2.6 km from Stevens Canyon entrance; **Okanogan** Co., Okanogan National Forest (OKNF), Cow Creek; OKNF, Pasayten Wilderness, east fork of trail, by shelter; OKNF, Pasayten Wilderness, Pasayten River trail; OKNF, Pasayten Wilderness, south of Big Hidden Lake; OKNF, Pasayten Wilderness, Stub Creek trail; **Pierce** Co., MRNP, Emmons terminal moraines; **Skagit** Co., Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Easy Pass trailhead; **Skamania** Co., Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF), 3.2 km east of Middle Butte; GPNF, Forlorn Lakes; GPNF, Takhlakh campground.



**Substrate and Habitat:** Solitary to gregarious on ground in woods.

**Season:** Late spring through winter.

**Reference:** Arora, D. 1986.

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