

## bear lentinus mushroom *Lentinellus ursinus*

Kingdom: Fungi

Phylum: Basidiomycota

Class: Agaricomycetes

Order: Russulales

Family: Auriscalpiaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

### 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.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none bottomland forests; peatlands; swamps

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge

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