

Auricularia auricula (Hook.) Underw.

Tree ear; Wood ear



Description:

jelly fungus

Fruiting Body: lobes 2-10 (-15) cm; centrally to laterally attached. **Spore Print Color:** white. **Spores:** basidiospores 12-14 x 4-6 µm, allantoid, smooth, hyaline.

Diagnostic macroscopic feature: brown jelly fungus with ear-shaped lobes that are finely hairy on one side, fruiting particularly on hickory or oak branches after heavy rain

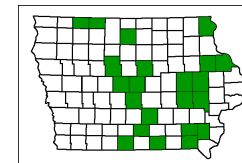
Diagnostic microscopic feature: basidia 3-septate, cylindrical

Nutritional Mode: saprobe

Substrate: hardwood logs, dead branches on living trees; favors hickory and elm

Habitat: deciduous woods

Fruiting Season: spring, summer, fall



common

Kingdom: Fungi
Phylum: Basidiomycota
Order: Auriculariales