

Cordyceps militaris (Linn.) Link



Description:

pyrenomycete

Fruiting Body: stromata of variable size. **Spore Print**

Color: white. **Spores:** ascospores elongate, multiseptate, breaking into part spores 3-6 x 1 μm , hyaline, smooth.

Diagnostic macroscopic feature: yellow to orange-brown club-shaped fruiting body with dark reddish-brown pimples, arising from pupating caterpillars that are often buried in soil

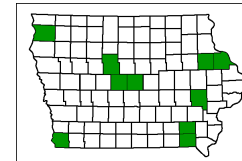
Diagnostic microscopic feature: asci have a thickened apical wall, and are elongate with fascicles of multiseptate spores that are nearly as long

Nutritional Mode: parasite

Substrate: pupae of Lepidoptera

Habitat: same habitat of hosts

Fruiting Season: summer, fall



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Kingdom: Fungi
Phylum: Ascomycota
Order: Hypocreales