



What's Happening and When!

SIMA Meetings: 7:30 PM, Idaho Fish & Game Building,
Second Monday Trophy Room, 600 S Walnut, Boise, ID

Forays Scheduled:

Morel Hunt? Weather permitting. Depends on when the snow leaves.

Spring Foray: May 31, June 1, 2, 2013 Quaker Hill, Osprey Lodge, McCall, ID

Fall Foray, Sept. 19, 20, 21, 22, 2013, Quaker Hill, Lakeside Lodge, McCall, ID. .

SIMA MEMBERSHIP DUE: Are due now. Both SIMA and NAMA Membership Forms on the last page of this newsletter.

Hypomyces lactifluorum

SIMA member LaVerne Young hunts mushrooms in late fall with her daughter near Moscow Idaho. For the last few years she has found several masses of brightly colored fungi that seemed to have no structure or shape. The mass fell apart as she tried to dig it up. This year she found them early enough in the fall that she was able to harvest individual specimens.



The mushroom above is five different specimens of *Russula brevipes* parasitized with another fungus. The fungus responsible for the bright colors on this big white russula is *Hypomyces lactifluorum*. If you look closely at the area under the cap, you can see what used to be the Russula's gills. Since the base mushroom is a Russula, the tissue texture of this mushroom is like a Russula or Lactarius; it breaks apart like a piece of chalk.

We do not find this mushroom growing in the McCall area, so we don't bring this one in to the fall forays. *Hypomyces lactifluorum* is listed as edible. Since this grows in coastal areas and in Northern Idaho, I rely on what the literature says about edibility and taste.

This is how *Russula brevipes* normally looks in the forest. It is a large robust mushroom found pushing up the duff in the fall. Some years it is out in great numbers and becomes "the mushroom of the foray"

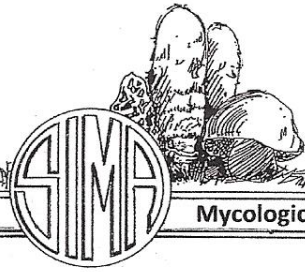


Russula brevipes is edible, but it has a strong odor that smells like rotting crab shells. This strong crab odor is one of the characteristics that makes this mushroom easy to identify and for me off putting to eat. Kathy Richmond served SIMA members a taste of *Russula brevipes* at a fall foray several years ago. They tasted fine to me.



Fruiting body is bright-orange mold growing on the surface of members of the Russulaceae (usually *Russula brevipes*). The gills of the parasitized host are reduced to folds; in age, minute, reddish-orange perithecial mounds develop (use hand lens); context of host tissue is firm, brittle, odor at first fungal, then of shellfish; taste mild as in *R. brevipes*.

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\$35

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