

Trametes versicolor



Trametes versicolor © Pat Leonard (?)

Cap: semicircular or reniform, laterally attached; 20 – 80 mm diameter; finely tomentose; zoned in alternate bands of different colours that may be brown, orange, grey, blue-black, ochre, white or green, usually white at the margin.

Stipe: absent, caps attached laterally.

Pores: small cream to white pores, 4-6 per mm.

Flesh: thin, 5 mm; cream; strongly dextrinoid.

Spore print: white.

Spores: cylindric, allantoid; $4.5 - 6.5 \times 1.5 - 2.8 \mu\text{m}$, average $5.1 \pm 0.4 \times 2.1 \pm 0.3$, average $Q = 2.5 \pm 0.4$.

Basidia: narrowly clavate, four spored.

Habitat: common on rotten logs in a variety of forest types.

Notes: can be confused with other zoned *Trametes*, but distinguished by the mainly darker colours and surface that is velvety not hairy. Some *Stereums* have a similar appearance but they do not have pores on their under surface. Its common name of Turkey Tail refers to the most usual colour combinations of the zones on the cap.

Collections examined: