

## *Phellinus robustus*



*Phellinus robustus* © Pat Leonard

**Fruiting body:** a hard bracket which is generally semi-circular and ungulate (like a horse's hoof); 80 – 100 mm radius; surface woody, rough cracking to form squarish bark-like fragments when mature; margin somewhat blunt.

**Attachment:** broadly attached to the standing trunk.

**Pores:** regular, brown, 7 – 9 per mm; staining darker brown on bruising.

**Flesh:** hard, woody, ochraceous brown.

**Smell:** not distinctive.

**Spore print:** yellowish brown.

**Spores:** subglobose;  $4.5 - 6 \times 4.5 - 6 \mu\text{m}$ ; smooth; somewhat thick-walled.

**Basidia:**

**Pileipellis:** trimitic.

**Habitat:** on dead standing trunk of *Allocasuarina littoralis* about 150 – 300 cm above the ground.

**Notes:** this bracket appears to be characterised by its habit of growing on both living and dead tree trunks and developing a hard cracked tessellated appearance when mature. It has been recorded under a large number of different names!

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