

Learning in the Leaves

Identification- *Coltricia perennis* Murrill - Tiger's Eye



Distinguishing Features

- Shallow, thin-fleshed cup, 3 to 10cm diameter often developing a wavy, irregular margin at maturity; upper surface velvety, becoming smooth, concentrically zoned in shades of ochre, mid brown and red-brown, margin often paler than centre; lower (fertile) surface covered with greyish brown pores.
- When two or more fruitbodies develop very close together, the stems tend to fuse and a single cap with two or more 'eyes' forms.
- Tubes adnate or decurrent, 3 to 4 per mm; Pores grey-brown, rounded or slightly angular.
- The Stem is Dark brown, velvety, central, 2-5cm long, cylindrical or slightly laterally compressed; base sometimes slightly swollen.

Interesting Facts

- Tiger's Eye is a tough and insubstantial fungus. The fact that it is such a long-lasting polypore is evidence that other creatures also find it hard to chew and swallow. Needless to say we have no recipe information for this species.
- [information collated from the First Nature Website: www.first-nature.com]