

# A KEY TO THE STIPITATE POLYPORACEAE OF TEMPERATE NORTH AMERICA—I

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## KEY TO THE GENERA

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| Surface of hymenophore covered with reddish-brown varnish. | <b>A. GANODERMA</b>    |
| Surface of hymenophore not as above.                       |                        |
| Tubes hexagonal and radially elongated.                    | <b>B. HEXAGONA</b>     |
| Tubes not as above.  |                        |
| Stipe compound.  | <b>C. GRIFOLA</b>      |
| Stipe simple.  |                        |
| Context white.   |                        |
| Plants fleshy, terrestrial.                                | <b>D. SCUTIGER</b>     |
| Plants tough, epixylous.                                   |                        |
| Pileus inverted, erumpent from lenticels.                  | <b>E. PORODISCUS</b>   |
| Pileus erect, not erumpent.                                |                        |
| Context homogeneous, firm.                                 | <b>F. POLYPORUS</b>    |
| Context duplex, spongy above, woody below.                 | <b>G. ABORTIPORUS</b>  |
| Context brown.   |                        |
| Hymenium concentrically lamelloid.                         | <b>H. CYCLOPORUS</b>   |
| Hymenium poroid.   |                        |
| Spores white.  | <b>I. ROMELLIA</b>     |
| Spores brown.  |                        |
| Pileus erect, stipe central.                               | <b>J. COLTRICIA</b>    |
| Pileus inverted, pendent.                                  | <b>K. COLTRICIELLA</b> |

## A. THE STIPITATE SPECIES OF GANODERMA

1. Context ochraceous to fulvous; plant perennial on deciduous trees.  
*G. flabelliforme* (Scop.) Murrill
- Context pallid; plant annual on hemlock.  
*G. Tsugae* Murrill

## B. THE STIPITATE SPECIES OF HEXAGONA

1. Surface glabrous to fibrillose, not distinctly hispid. 2  
    Surface hispid; tubes small; context thin, translucent. *H. floridana* Murrill
2. Pileus reniform at maturity; stipe usually much reduced. 3  
    Pileus flabelliform; stipe usually very distinct, equaling the pileus at times in length; tubes of medium size. *H. daedalea* (Link) Murrill
3. Tubes large; surface of pileus decorated with imbricated reddish-brown fibrils, which disappear with age. *H. alveolaris* (DC.) Murrill  
    Tubes much smaller, the mouths rarely over 1 mm. long and 0.5 mm. broad; surface of pileus glabrous. *H. micropora* Murrill



## C. THE SPECIES OF GRIFOLA

1. Hymenium ochraceous, becoming dirty-yellow with age ; plants terrestrial, irregularly confluent, olivaceous to greenish-yellow. *G. poripes* (Fr.) Murrill  
Hymenium white or pallid, sometimes becoming fuliginous, but never ochraceous. 2
2. Surface of pileus gray or grayish-brown to coffee-colored ; stipe intricately branched ; lobes numerous and small. 3  
Surface of pileus pallid or alutaceous ; stipe not intricately branched ; lobes usually few in number and comparatively large. 5
3. Pileoli centrally attached, circular and umbilicate. *G. ramosissima* (Scop.) Murrill  
Pileoli lateral, spatulate or dimidiate. 4
4. Hymenium white, not changing color ; surface of pileus gray or grayish-brown. *G. frondosa* (Dicks.) S. F. Gray  
Hymenium white, becoming fuliginous on drying or when bruised ; surface of pileus coffee-colored. *G. Sumstinei* Murrill
5. Sporophore of immense size, 20-60 cm. in diameter ; spores echinulate, 8-9  $\mu$ . *G. Berkeleyi* (Fr.) Murrill  
Sporophore 8 cm. or less in diameter ; spores smooth, ovoid, much smaller. *G. fractipes* (B. & C.) Murrill

## D. THE SPECIES OF SCUTIGER

1. Surface of pileus uneven, squamose or rugose. 2  
Surface of pileus smooth, tomentose or glabrous. 4
2. Pileus sulfur-yellow, pleuropous ; surface ornamented with imbricated floccose wart-like scales ; context white or yellowish ; tubes small, angular, decurrent, white, becoming greenish when wounded, yellowish when dry ; spores 9 $\times$ 6  $\mu$ . *S. Ellisii* (Berk.) Murrill  
Pileus brown. 3
3. Tubes large, 1.5 mm. or more in diameter, hexagonal ; surface of pileus smoky-brown ornamented with darker imbricated tufts of appressed hairs ; context white ; stipe excentric, its entire surface reticulate. *S. retipes* (Underw.) Murrill  
Tubes small, 0.5 mm. in diameter, polygonal, decurrent, white ; pileus reddish-brown, rugose ; stipe central, not reticulate. *S. decurrens* (Underw.) Murrill
4. Pileus light-colored : white, yellow or blue. 5  
Pileus dark-colored : gray or brown. 7
5. Pileus white ; context white ; tubes irregular, dissepiments thin, white ; plants small, growing upon grass-roots ; stipe short, dark-brown. *S. cryptopus* (Ell. & Barth.) Murrill  
Pileus yellow to orange, glabrous ; stipe short, concolorous ; tubes short, small, 1-2  $\times$  0.2 mm., decurrent ; spores ovoid, hyaline, 4  $\times$  5-6  $\mu$ . *S. laeticolor* Murrill  
Pileus blue when fresh, changing to brown on drying. 6
6. Tubes entire, becoming reddish-brown on drying ; context ochraceous, and pileus and stipe reddish-brown in herbarium specimens. *S. caeruleoporus* (Peck) Murrill



- Tubes lacerate, fading to grayish-brown or dirty white; context nearly white; pileus and stipe dull smoky-brown when dry. *S. holocyaneus* (Atk.) Murrill
7. Stipe black and rooting. 8  
Stipe neither black nor rooting. 9
8. Pileus smoky-brown, subtomentose; margin thin, inflexed; context white; tubes regular, polygonal, entire, 2 mm. long, 0.5 mm. in diameter; stipe cylindrical, light-brown above, black and rooting below; spores white, elliptical,  $7 \times 5 \mu$ .  
*S. radicans* (Schw.) Murrill
- Pileus drab-colored, nearly glabrous; margin thin, inflexed when young; context milk-white even when dry; tubes white, irregular, toothed, 1 mm. long, 0.25 mm. in diameter; stipe short, sooty-black as far as the decurrent tubes, attached to buried wood; spores white,  $3-4 \times 5-7 \mu$ . *S. subradicans* Murrill
9. Pileus gray, glabrous or nearly so; margin very thin; context rosy-gray, soft, fleshy, thin when dry; tubes small, 0.25-0.5 mm., unequal, decurrent; stipe short, concolorous. *S. griseus* (Peck) Murrill
- Pileus brown. 10
10. Stipe dark-purple, very thick; pileus fulvous-brown, purplish at times, clothed with short tomentum, margin very obtuse; context reddish beneath the cuticle, marked when dry with a black concentric line limiting growth; tubes white, 2 to a mm. *S. persicinus* (B. & C.) Murrill
- Stipe yellowish-brown, usually excentric; plants cespitose; pileus yellowish-brown, pruinose; margin thin; context rose-tinted when dry, dark-red next to the tubes, which are small,  $1-3 \times 0.3$  mm., decurrent, rose-colored when dry, the edges fimbriate. *S. Whiteae* Murrill

## A PALM FROM THE MID-CRETACEOUS \*

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The enormous number of existing palms, considerably over one thousand species, are about equally divided between the oriental and occidental tropics, with many monotypic genera, showing well the marked effects of geographical distribution and isolation on the formation of species. There are no outlying forms, the highest northern latitude reached being about  $43^\circ$  in Europe, and the highest southern latitude about  $45^\circ$  in New Zealand.

Lesquereux writing in 1878† records fossil palms in  $52^\circ$  north latitude in both America and Europe. Since then remains have been described from as far north as  $80^\circ$  (Grinnell Land, Spitzbergen), and two fine species are recorded from the Tertiary

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