

## *Gyromitra montana* Harmaja

**ROD name** *Gyromitra montana* (syn. *G. gigas*)

**Family** Discinaceae      **Morphological Habit** cup

**Description:** **SPORE-BEARING TISSUE** convoluted, brainlike, yellow-brown to dull red-brown. **Stem** off-white to tan, 3-5 cm wide x 2-4 cm tall. **Asci** J-negative, operculate. **Spores** ellipsoid, (21.4-) 24.3-35.8 (-37.5) x (9-) 10.7-15.8  $\mu\text{m}$ , smooth to minutely verrucose.

**Distinguishing Features:** *Gyromitra montana* is characterized by its distinct compact brainlike form with short, stout stem and large spores.

**Distribution:** Known from many dozens of locations throughout the range of the Northwest Forest Plan.

**Substrate and Habitat:** Found near or on edge of snowbanks in montane, coniferous forests.

**Season:** Spring.

**References:** Phillips, R. 1991. Mushrooms of North America. Boston, MA: Little, Brown and Co. 319 p. Tylutki, E.E. 1993. Mushrooms of Idaho and the Pacific Northwest, Discomycetes. Moscow, ID: University Press of Idaho. 133 p.

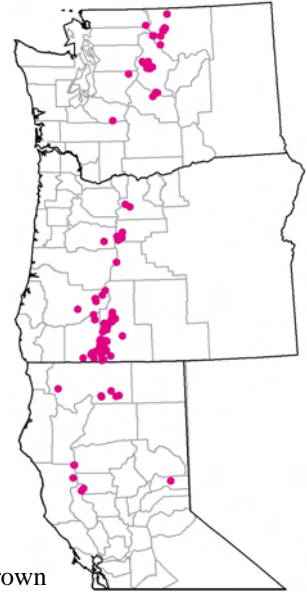


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