

## Key to the European species of *Rhodocybe*

(Basis: M.E. Noordeloos in Flora Agaricina Neerlandica (1988))

(Additions: M.E. Noordeloos in Karstenia 34, 43 (1994) (Section Rhodophana))

(Additional species: *Rh. ardosiaca*, *peculiaris*, *stangliana*, *tillii*)

1. Hymenial pseudocystidia present, very obvious, filled with yellowish, refringent strongly dextrinoid granules
  2. Fr.b. pleurotoid . . . . . ***Rhodocybe spec. (ND99016)***
  2. Fr.b. centrally stipitate
    3. Cap concentrically cracking; smell and taste indistinct; sp. minutely nodulose-pustulate in outline . . . . . ***Rh. caelata***
    3. Cap smooth to minutely felty; smell and taste rancid-farinaceous; sp. with conspicuous hemispherical nodules . . . . . ***Rh. ardosiaca***
1. Hymenial pseudocystidia absent
  4. Clamps present
    5. Fr.b. tricholomatoid; stipe base with conspicuous, bulb-like mycelial mass . . . . . ***Rh. stangliana***
    5. Fr.b. mycenoid to collybioid; base without bulb
      6. Sp.  $(4-)$ 4.5 – 7 × 3 – 4( $-4.5$ )  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $\bar{Q} = 1.3 - 1.4$ ; cap and stipe rather pale yellow brown . . . . . ***Rh. melleopallens***
      6. Sp. larger; cap and stipe darker
        7. Cap and stipe honey-coloured to orange or reddish brown
          8. Cap honey-coloured; sp.  $6.5 - 8.5(-9) \times (3.5 - )4 - 5(-5.5) \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\bar{Q} = 1.5 - 1.9$ ; sp. print greyish . . . . . ***Rh. griseospora***
          8. Cap vividly orange to red or red-brown; sp.  $7 - 10 \times 5 - 5.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\bar{Q} = 1.4 - 1.5$ ; sp. print pinkish brown . . . . . ***Rh. nitellina***
        7. Cap and stipe dull coloured, brown, grey-brown or grey
          9. Cap pale, greyish to whitish; sp. subglobose,  $(4.5 - )5 - 6(-6.5) \times (3.5 - )4 - 4.5(-5) \mu\text{m}$  . . . . . ***Rh. peculiaris***
          9. Cap darker; sp. ellipsoid, larger
            10. Cap and stipe dark grey or grey-brown; lam. with distinct grey tinge; sp.  $7 - 10 \times 4.5 - 6 \mu\text{m}$  . . . . . ***Rh. hispanica***
            10. Cap and stipe dark brown; lam. sordidly pink when mature; sp.  $6 - 8 \times 4.5 - 5 \mu\text{m}$  . . . . . ***Rh. fuscofarinacea***
        4. Clamps absent
          11. Fr.b. pleurotoid . . . . . ***Rh. tillii***
          11. Fr.b. centrally stipitate
            12. Cap white, occasionally tinged cream colour at centre when old  
***Rh. fallax***
            12. Cap distinctly coloured
              13. Cap flesh-coloured or reddish; stipe white or concolorous with cap . . . . . ***Rh. gemina***
              13. Cap grey to grey-brown

14. Sp.  $6-9 \times 4-6 \mu\text{m}$ , ellipsoid to subglobose in side view, hardly angular or pustulate; cheilocystidia present,  $30-50 \times 4-9 \mu\text{m}$ , usually septate . . . . . **Rh. hirneola**
14. Sp.  $4.5 - 7(-8) \mu\text{m}$  long, distinctly pustulate; cheilocystidia absent
  15. Smell none, taste mild . . . . . **Rh. parilis**
  15. Smell farinaceous, taste usually bitter . . **Rh. popinalis**

Version 1999/12/16