

# Washington Status Factors

**Elcode** NFSM000066  
**Gname** GALERINA HETEROCYSTIS  
**Gcomname**

## Number of Occurrences

U = Unknown

**Comments** Given the taxonomic uncertainty surrounding this species and the few collections verified from the ISMS 2002 database or verified by Norvell during the Survey & Manage evaluation work, *Galerina heterocystis* should not be ranked at this time.

## Number of Occurrences with Good Viability

U = Unknown what number of occurrences with good viability

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## Population Size

U = Unknown

**Comments** Records reflect only species occurrence, i.e. fruitbodies, not numbers of individuals. Fungal genets cannot be delimited without DNA sampling.

## Range Extent

U = Unknown

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## Area of Occupancy

U = Unknown

LU = Unknown

**Comments** Area of occupancy can only be roughly approximated from fungal fruitbodies as the vegetative organism is hidden from site within the substrate. Saprophytic and/or bryophilous fungi have spotty distributions that are tied to the presence of appropriate substrates. The area of occupancy in this instance can be assumed to be very small, generally the size of a collection.

## Long-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

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unknown

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### **Short-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences**

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### **Threats**

Scope

Severity

Immediacy

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### **Number of Appropriately Protected and Managed Occurrences**

U = Unknown whether any occurrences are appropriately protected and managed

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### **Intrinsic Vulnerability**

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### **Environmental Specificity**

U = Unknown

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### **Other Considerations**

Needs taxonomic revision. *Galerina heterocystis* sensu Smith & Singer (1964) is believed by Gulden (1992, & Vesterholt 1999, & Hallgrimsson 2000), Horak & Miller (1992), Watling et al (1993), and Roger (pers comm 2002) to represent two species, *G. heterocystis* sensu stricto (described by Smith & Singer 1964 for North America) and *G. clavata* (recognized from alpine and arctic habitats). Unfortunately the taxonomic position of both species worldwide and most particularly within the Pacific Northwest is not sufficiently clear to enable the ranking author to presume to decide the identity of the species present from numbers alone. (Norvell 2002 pers comm)

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## Greasons

It is unclear whether *Galerina heterocystis* as described by Smith & Singer (1964) represent one or two species (see above). Worldwide the situation needs to be clarified before a global ranking can be made. Roger (2002) notes that var. "B" of *G. heterocystis* of (Smith & Singer 1964) seems to occur within the Pacific Northwest. However, the ISMS 2002 database contains fragmentary data: Roger (1998, 2002 pers comm) verified a total of 40 collections of *Galerina heterocystis* for the Regional Mycologist (CA-5, OR-6, and WA-29), yet only 6 collections (none for WA) are reported within the ISMS database. Given the taxonomic uncertainty surrounding this species and the few collections verified from the ISMS 2002 database or verified by Norvell during the Survey & Manage evaluation work, *Galerina heterocystis* should not be ranked at this time. (Parenthetically, Roger, pers comm 2002, referred to *G. heterocystis* as a "fungal weed", particularly prevalent in moss patches in grass in city settings.)

## BCD Sources

## New Sources

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