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[***Russula emetica***](#), commonly known as the sickener, emetic Russula, or vomiting Russula, is a [basidiomycete mushroom](#), and the [type species](#) of the genus [Russula](#). It has a red, convex to flat [cap](#) up to 8.5 cm (3.3 in) in diameter, with a [cuticle](#) that can be peeled off almost to the centre. The [gills](#) are white to pale cream, and closely spaced. A smooth white [stem](#) measures up to 10.5 cm (4.1 in) long and 2.4 cm (0.9 in) thick. First described in 1774, the mushroom has a wide distribution in the [Northern Hemisphere](#), where it grows on the ground in damp woodlands in a [mycorrhizal](#) association with [conifers](#), especially [pine](#). The mushroom's [common names](#) refer to the gastrointestinal distress they cause when consumed raw. The [flesh](#) is extremely peppery, but this offensive taste, along with its [toxicity](#), can be removed by [parboiling](#) or [pickling](#). Although it used to be widely eaten in Russia and eastern European countries, it is generally not recommended for consumption. There are many similar *Russula* species that have a red cap with white stem and gills, some of which can be reliably distinguished from *R. emetica* only by microscopic characteristics. ([Full article...](#))

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