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**Fungus Identification**

Stinkhorn

*Clathrus ruber*

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*Clathrus ruber*, Stinkhorn.

*C. ruber*, better known as stinkhorn, was found growing in a customer's garden. According to the gardener, "they look like coral, stink like a dead animal, are soft to the touch and will break away very easily." The picture is the "flower" of the fungus. *C. ruber* is a saprophyte, that is, it grows on sawdust, mulch, bark, and other decaying plant debris.