



TOPS: Rockburn Branch Park, 5/25/2009, J. Solem.
 SIDE: Rockburn Branch Park, 5/25/2009, J. Solem.
 GILLS and RING: Rockburn Branch Park, 5/25/2009, J. Solem.
 OVERALL: Hammond Village, 4/30/2011, J. Solem.

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ID: Cap whitish-yellow (brown in age); moist, smooth (cracked in age); convex (depressed in age). Stalk white (yellowish-brown in age); thin ring.

Habitat: Scattered, groups. On ground in forests, lawns, fields, decaying wood.

Cap: 1.1 – 4" [3 – 10 cm]

Whitish/yellow/tan/rusty-brown/brown disc and overall in age. Moist. Smooth (top cracks when old and dry). Convex (convex/flat/depressed in age). Flesh = gill layer; white. Strong rather spicy odor when sliced.

Gills: Whitish (grayish/brownish/rusty-brown in age). Notched/attached. Close. Broad. Secondary gills.

Spores: Rusty-brown. Elliptic, smooth, pale-brown.

Stalk: 1.1 – 4" [3 – 10 cm]

White (yellowish/brown in age). Smooth to longitudinally striate. Equal/slight flare at base. Whitish, thin partial veil may leave small, thin, superior ring.

Frequency: Common.

Locations: FOXCH, GONRA, HAMVL, MCLUR, MPENA, OTHER, PATBT, ROBNC, RKBRP, SAVPK, SVMLT, WFRDP.

Notes: Mycobank 356699. Rockburn Branch Park specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Complex of several forms and possibly several species.

Synonym: *Pholiota praecox*.

References: BBF 57, 272. Bri 302. K&M 86. Lin 558, 225. M&M 272. Phi 226.



SPORES (8.5-9.8 X 5.9-6.6 µm): Rockburn Branch Park, 5/25/2009, R. Solem.