

Death Cap

*Amanita phalloides* (Vaillant ex Fries) Link



CAP and VOLVA: Schooley Mill Park,  
11/12/2017, J. Solem.  
OVERALL: Schooley Mill Park,  
11/12/2017, J. Solem.  
GILLS, RING, STALK: Schooley Mill  
Park, 11/15/2017, J. Solem.  
OVERALL: Schooley Mill Park,  
11/15/2017, J. Solem.  
OVERALL: Hammond Village,  
10/21/2020, J. Solem.

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**ID:** Cap olivaceous. Prominent ring. Bulbous base w/ large volva.

**Habitat:** Single, scattered. On ground in forests under trees or in grassy areas.

**Cap:** 2.2 – 6" [6 – 16 cm]

Yellowish-green/olivaceous, often browner near center w/ pale margin. Radial fibers. Smooth. Dry/sticky. Nonstriate margin. Convex (flat in age). Flesh white, thick at center. Odor unpleasant in age.

**Gills:** White. Almost free. Crowded. Broad. White partial veil.

**Spores:** *White*. Ellipsoid, smooth, hyaline.

**Stalk:** 3 – 6" x 0.4 – 0.9" [7 – 15 cm x 9 – 20 mm]

White. Smooth/minutely scaly. Tapers up. Bulbous; lower stalk w/ rings of universal veil tissue. Membranous white pendant ring persists. Bulb rounded. Saccate white volva; thin & often tears.

**Frequency:** Uncommon.

**Locations:** HAMVL, SLMLP.



**Notes:** **Do not taste!** Mycobank 178962. Schooley Mill Park specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. This specimen was in needle litter under a fir (*Abies* sp.) planted in sports field area. Single specimen photographed at site on 11/12/2017 and at home 11/15/2017 after additional development.

**Section:** *Phalloideae*

**References:** BBF 66, 273. Bri 21. BRBD 113fn. Kuo. Lin 543, 113, 673. M&M 30. Phi 32. Roo 62fn.