

American Panther

*Amanita velatipes*  
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OVERALL: Browns Bridge, 5/14/2010, *J. Solem*.  
 TOP: Big Branch, 10/10/2015, *J. Solem*.  
 SIDE: Browns Bridge, 5/14/2010, *J. Solem*.  
 GILLS: Big Branch, 10/10/2015, *J. Solem*.  
 SPORES (7.5-8.6 x 6.6-8.2 μm): Big Branch, 10/10/2015, *R. Solem*.

Panther

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**ID:** Cap creamy w/ some warts; stalk white w/ sheath-like volva.  
**Habitat:** Solitary, loosely grouped. On ground in conifers; sometimes in hardwood/mixed forests.

**Cap:** 3 – 7.5" [7.5 – 19 cm]  
 Creamy/whitish-yellowish, darker disc. Convex (flatter w/ lined margin in age). Smooth (sticky when wet). Some whitish cottony warts.


**Gills:** White. Free. Crowded.

**Spores:** White. Elliptical, smooth.

**Stalk:** 3.1 – 4.7" x 1/4 – 1/2" [8 – 20 cm x 8 – 20 mm]  
 White. Smooth (or finely hairy near top), strongly hairy/scaly near base. Ring collapses and droops. Basal bulb has membranous woolly rings near base (usually) and sheath-like volva.

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** BRNBR, MCHPV, PIGTL, ROBNC, WSTRP.

**Notes:**  **Do not taste!** Mycobank 534910. Big Branch specimen identified by examination of spores by *R. Solem*.

**Synonym:** *Amanita pantherina* var *velatipes*.

**References:** BBF 65, 273. BBH 58. Lin 541, 130, 131, 679. M&M 37. Phi 18. Roo 58. Stu 15.