

Destroying Angel

*Amanita virosa* [complex]



GILLS, RING, STALK, VOLVA: Wincopin Trail, 8/21/2011, R. Solem.  
TOP: Cedar Lane Park, 9/15/2008, J. Solem.  
SIDE: Wincopin Trail, 8/21/2011, R. Solem.  
OVERALL: Wincopin Trail, 6/20/2012, J. Solem.

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Amanitaceae

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**ID:** Cap white (discolored disc), shiny to sticky; convex (flatter in age). Stalk white/tan, membranous ring; large white volva. Use KOH.

**Habitat:** Solitary (usually), scattered, groups. On ground in hardwood or mixed forests under trees or in grassy areas.

**Cap:** 1.1– 5.1" [3 – 13 cm]  
White or w/ discolored disc. Dry to sticky. Smooth, shiny. No warts, Convex (flatter in age). Margin w/ veil remnants. Flesh white. Pronounced (disagreeable) odor in age.


**Gills:** White-cream. Free/finely attached. Close. Slender. Depth = 1-2X cap flesh. Secondary gills.

**Spores:** *White*. Nearly round.

**Stalk:** 2.4 – 8" x 0.4 – 0.9" [6 – 20 cm x 1 – 2.3 cm]  
White/tan. Smooth/roughened. Slight taper upward. Ring superior, thin. Volva (1 – 1.5" [ 2.5 – 3.8 cm]) white, large; buried but separates from stalk. Solid.

**Frequency:** Common.

**Locations:** BIGBR, CEDLP, DANPV, FRANF, GONRA, GUILP, HAMVL, LONGC, MANWD, MPENA, NOLAP, PIGTL, ROBNC, ROGOR, UMDCF, WINTR.

**Notes:**  **Do not taste!** Mycobank 163692. Big Branch specimen verified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Cap and flesh may turn yellow w/ KOH. *A. bisporigera* and *A. verna* are included.

**Synonym:** *Phalloidae*.

**References:** Bar 241. BBF 67, 274. Kuo. Lae 150. Lin 551, 123, 124, 672. M&M 29. Roo 62. Rus 67, 24.



SPORES (8.5-10.7 X 7.2-8.8 μm): Big Branch 8/5/2009, R. Solem. Specimen not photographed.