

Pear-shaped Puffball

Apioperdon pyriforme
(Schaeffer) Vizzini



MATURING: MPENA, 10/14/2009, R. Orr.
MATURE: Schooley Mill Park, 10/21/2009, J. Solem.
EMERGING: Western Regional Park, 9/28/2014, J. Solem.
SPORES (3.4 – 3.8 [round] µm): Western Regional Park,
9/28/2014, R. Solem.

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Agaricaceae

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ID: Body white (small spines/granules break off), yellow-/reddish-brown (and smoother) in age; pear-shaped/spherical w/ irregular pore at top. Spores white and solid; greenish-yellow, then dark olive-brown and powdery at maturity.

Habitat: Scattered, dense, sheet-like clusters. On sawdust or decaying wood (usually hardwood).

Fruiting Body: 0.6 – 1.8" x 0.8 – 2" [1.5 – 4.5 cm x 2 – 5 cm]
White, yellow-/reddish-brown w/ small warts/spines/granules on surface. Pear-shaped/spherical w/ irregular/rounded pore at apex. Stalk-like sterile base (often compressed w/ small chambers).

Spores: Gleba *white* and solid, then *greenish-yellow*, finally *dark olive-brown* and powdery. Round, smooth, pale brown.

Frequency: Abundant.

Locations: BIGBR, BENBR, BRNBR, CASCT, CEDLP, DANPV, DORWD, FRANF, GONRA, HENPV, HIRIP, LONGC, MANWD, MARPV, MCHPV, MPENA, MURHL, OTHER, PATBT, PIGTL, ROBNC, ROGOR, RKBPR, SLMLP, SYRIV, UMDCF, WINFR, WINTR, WSKPV, WSTRP.

Notes: Mycobank 8199124. Western Regional specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Spore cases persist. Skin becomes papery.

Synonym: *Lycoperdon pyriforme*

References: Bar 90. BBF 455, 459. BBH 328. Bni 496. BRBD 317, 85. E&S 348. Lin 826, 664. M&M 452. Phi 333. Roo 445fn, 446fn. Stu 408. W&L 191-2.