Calvatia gigantea (Batsch) Lloyd



Calvatia gigantea Agaricaceae











OVERALL: Blandair (Columbia), 10/25/2013, *S. Muller*. BOTTOM: Blandair (Columbia), 10/25/2013, *S. Muller*. OVERALL (maturing): Schooley Mill Park, 10/5/2014, *J. Solem*. CUT: Schooley Mill Park, 10/5/2014, *J. Solem*. OVERALL (one of **three**): Middle Paxutent Environmental Area, 8/28/2017, *J. Claffy*.

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ID: Very large white puffball attached to ground by thick rhizomorph.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered. On ground in woods, pastures, parks.

Fruiting Body: 8-15" diameter (up to 20") [20 -38; 50 cm]. White/creamy white, smooth, soft (cracking in age). Nearly round (somewhat flattened/indented in age). Attached to ground by thick, cord-like rhizomorph.

Spores: White, becoming yellowish/yellow-green (greenish-brown when mature). Round, smooth, light brown.

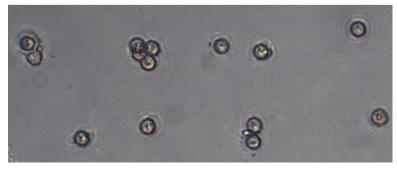
Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: MPENA, MTPLT, OTHER, RIVHL, ROBNC, SLMLP.

Notes: Mycobank 265958. Twelve-inch ruler in two photos. Schooley Mill Park specimen verified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

Synonym: Langermannia gigantea.

References: BBF 453, 458. BBH 325. Bni 493. K&M 129. Lin 823, 647. M&M 458. Roo 440fn. Stu 405.



SPORES (3.7-4.6 [round] μm): River Hill, 3/25/2015, R. Solem.