

Giant Puffball

Calvatia gigantea (Batsch) Lloyd



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
Paxtent Environmental Area,
8/28/2017, *J. Claffy*.

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[*Calvatia gigantea*](#)
Agaricaceae

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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*.