

Dunce Cap  
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*Conocybe apala* (Fries) Arnolds



GILLS and OVERALL: Rockburn Branch Park, 6/28/2010, *R. Orr*.  
CAP and STALK: Patuxent Quarter Rd, 6/1/2010, *H. Metzman*.  
TOP: Hammond Village, 5/31/2018, *J. Solem*.  
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Bolbitiaceae

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**ID:** Cap white, center yellow; conical (flat in age). Stalk w/ basal bulb. Ephemeral.

**Habitat:** Scattered, groups. In mulch or grassy areas.

**Cap:** 0.4 – 1.1" [1 – 3 cm]

Whitish/creamy-white, ochraceous tinge on disc; center yellow. Dry. Smooth. Conical/bluntly conic (bell-shaped to almost flat and wrinkled in age). Grooved margin. Flesh whitish, thin.

**Gills:** Whitish (tawny/reddish-cinnamon in age). Free. Close. Very narrow.

**Spores:** Reddish-cinnamon. Oval (one side flattened), smooth, orange-brown.

**Stalk:** 1.5 – 4" x 1/16 – 1/8" [4 – 10 cm x 1 – 3 mm]

White. Powdery/nearly smooth/translucent. Cylindrical. No ring. Usually w/ basal bulb. Hollow.

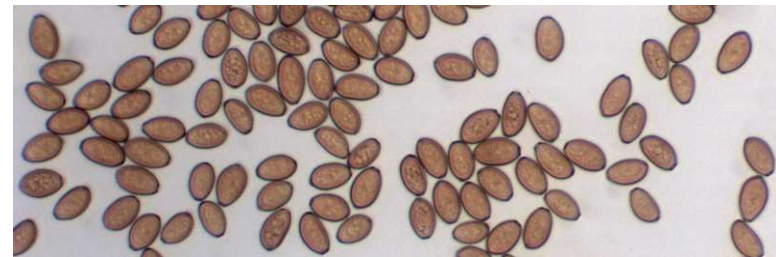
**Frequency:** Common.

**Locations:** BIGBR, CEDLP, FRANF, GUIPK, HAMVL, HIRIP, MANWD, MBRKP, MPENA, MTPLT, OTHER(2), RKBPR, WINTR, WSTRP.

**Notes:** Mycobank 223710. May disappear by midday. Hammond Village specimen identified by examination of spores by *R. Solem*.

**Synonym:** *C. lactea*.

**References:** Bar 213. BBF 98, 280. BBH 164. Bni 303. BRBD 123, 22. K&M 147. Lin 560, 5. M&M 268. Phi 214. Roo 191. Stu 233.



SPORES (10.6-13.5 x 6.8-7.8 µm: Hammond Village, 5/31/2018, *R. Solem*).