

Mica Cap

Coprinellus micaceus
(Bullard) Vilgalys, Hopple & Jacq. Johnson



OVERALL: Daniels, PVSP, 10/15/2015, *J. Solem*
 SIDE: MPENA, 12/4/2009, *R. Orr*.
 DELIQUESCING TOPS: Schooley Mill Park, 10/21/2009, *J. Solem*.
 DELIQUESCING GILLS: Rockburn Branch Park, 5/20/2010, *R. Solem*.

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Psathyrellaceae

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ID: Cap tawny w/ mica-like scales. Deliquesces.

Habitat: Dense clusters. In grass or on decaying hardwood.

Cap: 0.8 – 2" [2 – 5 cm]

Tawny/orange-brown disc, yellowish-tan toward margin, grayish/dark grayish-brown in age. Granular scales in button stage, then smooth but grooved. Curved/egg-shaped (bell-shaped/convex in age). Margin in-rolled, then curls upward; irregular in age. Flesh whitish, very thin.

Gills: Grayish-buff, then gray (black as they deliquesce). Attached, but then separate from cap. Crowded.

Spores: *Black*. Elliptical w/ apical pore, smooth, brown.

Stalk: 1 – 3.1" x 1/8 – 1/4" [2.5 – 8 cm x 2 – 5 mm]

White/transparent. Smooth. Dry. Cylindrical/enlarged base. Hollow in age. Pruinose (covered w/ white powdery granules that wash/wear off).

Frequency: Very common.

Locations: BONSC, CASCT, CEDLP, DANPV, GONRA, GWACP, HAMVL, HENPV, HIRIP, MANWD, MCHPV, MPENA, MTPLT, OTHER, PIGTL, RKBPR, SLMLP, CVMPT, WSTRP, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 474361. MPENA (4/9/2009) and Daniels specimens identified by examination of spores by *R. Solem*.

Synonym: *Coprinus micaceus*.

References: Bar 197. BBF 104, 281. BBH 179. Bni 332. BRBD 125,23. E&S 149. K&M 148, Lin 600, 42. M&M 230. Phi 236. Stu 229. W&L 270-1.



SPORES (7.2-7.7 X 4.9-5.4 μm): Daniels, PVSP, 10/15/2015, *R. Solem*.