

**ID**: Cap violet to chocolate-brown (in age) w/ huge purple bulb at base.

**Habitat**: Solitary, groups. On ground in duff in coniferous and hardwood forests.

**Cap**: 1.2 - 4" [3 - 10 cm]

Reddish-ochre (chocolate-brown w/ purple tints in age). Surface cracks into scales in age. Hemispherical, then convex w/ incurved margin (flat in age). Flesh pale violet.

Gills: Purple (deep purplish-brown in age). Attached.

**Spores**: *Brown*. Nearly round/broadly ellipsoid, roughened.

**Stalk**: 3.1 - 5.9" x 0.2 - 0.4" (at apex) [8 – 15 cm x 10 - 20 mm] Ochre-brown w/ dark brown fibers/scales. Ring-like zone or membranous ring, then violet woolly hairs covering enormous bulb at base. Flesh buff-brown.

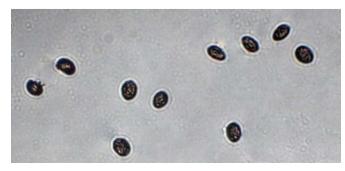
Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: PIGTL.

**Notes:** Mycobank 295971. Pigtail specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

Subgenus: Telemonia.

References: BBH 173. Bni 319. Phi 173. Stu 192.



SPORES (7.8-8.4 X 5.1-6.4 µm): Pigtail, 10/23/2009, R. Solem.



OVERALL: Pigtail, 10/23/2009, *J. Solem.* TOP: Pigtail, 10/23/2009, *J. Solem.* GILLS: Pigtail, 10/23/2009, *J. Solem.*