

Snow White Waxcap

Cuphophyllus virgineus
(Wulfen) Kovalenko



TOP: Pigtail, 10/9/2010, *J. Solem*.
 TOP: Gorman Stream Valley NRA,
 10/29/2018, *J. Solem*.
 GILLS and STALK: Franciscan Friars,
 10/10/2014, *J. Solem*.
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Hygrophoraceae

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ID: Off-white cap; thick and waxy gills.

Habitat: Solitary, small groups. On ground in coniferous and mixed forests.

Cap: 0.4 – 2.8" [1 – 7 cm]
 White to cream. Convex (broadly convex/flat to shallow central depression w/ uplifted margin in age). Moist/greasy. Smooth. Flesh white.

Gills: Whitish. Subdecurrent. Distant. Thick and waxy.

Spores: *White*. Ellipsoid, smooth, hyaline.

Stalk: 0.8 – 3.5" x 0.4" [2 – 9 cm x 1 cm]
 Whitish. Dry. Smooth/finely hairy. Often tapers down.

Frequency: Common.

Locations: BIGBR, GONRA, HAMVL, HENPV, LONGC, MANWD, MCHPV, MURHL, PIGTL, ROBNC, RKBRP, UMDCF, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 127382. Pigtail and Gorman Stream Valley NRA specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

Synonyms: *Hygrophorus niveus*. *Hygrophorus virgineus*. *Hygrocybe borealis*. *Hygrocybe nivea*. *Hygrocybe virginea*.

References: Bar 272. BBF 128key. BBH 98. Bpi 80fn. BPSB 54, 83. Kuo. M&M 64fn. Phi 76. Rog. Roo 119fn.



SPORES (6.1-7.8 x 4.2-5.1 μm): Gorman Stream Valley NRA,
 10/29/2018, *R. Solem*.