

Splash-cup Birds Nest

*Cyathus stercoreus*  
(Schweinitz) De Toni



OVERALL: Beaverbrook, 8/13/209, R. Orr.  
SIDE: Schooley Mill Park, 8/20/2017, J. Solem.  
OVERALL: Schooley Mill Park, 9/5/2017, J. Solem.

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Agaricaceae

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**ID:** Body exterior surface w/ reddish-/grayish-brown, shaggy hair (smoother in age), interior surface lead gray, shiny and smooth, not lined; cup filled w/ tiny dark “eggs.” Inverted cone covered w/ translucent lit.

**Habitat:** Scattered, dense groups. On wood chips, manured soil, herbivore dung.

**Fruiting Body:** Up to 0.6” H x 3/16 – 5/16” W [1.5 cm x 4 – 8 mm] Inverted cone w/ interior lead-gray/blue-black, shiny, smooth, not vertically lined; exterior reddish-/chocolate-/grayish-brown, shaggy-hairy when young (smooth in age). Thin translucent lid wears away.

**Peridioles:** 1/16 – 1/8” [1 – 2 mm] Dark-gray/black, each attached beneath by tiny coiled cord.

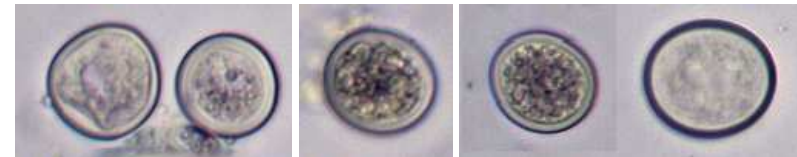
**Spores:** Nearly round/oval, smooth, thick-walled, hyaline.

**Frequency:** Fairly common.

**Locations:** BIGBR, DFWMA, FOXCH, FRANF, HAMVL, ORRBB, SLMLP, UMDCF.

**Notes:** Mycobank 211346. Schooley Mill Park specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

**References:** Bar 97. BBF 465. Bni 504fn. K&M 166. Phi 341. Roo 460fn. Stu 409. W&L 504fn.



SPORES (20.5-27.0 X 18.6-23.9 µm): Schooley Mill Park, 9/5/2017, R. Solem.