

Collared Earthstar

Geastrum triplex Junghuhn



OVERALL: Guilford Park, 9/9/2011, J. Solem.
TOP: Guilford Park, 9/9/2011, J. Solem.
BOTTOM: Guilford Park, 9/9/2011, J. Solem.

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ID: Rays tan, not hygroscopic; has bowl-like collar below spore case.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered, on ground under hardwoods or conifers.

Fruiting Body: 2.8 – 4" [7.1 – 10.2 cm] open; spore case 0.8 – 1.1" [2 – 3 cm] Ochre-brown when closed; spore case grayish-/reddish-brown, roundish w/ disc-like depression (paler) around point; surrounded by bowl-like collar.

Rays: 4 – 8 rays tan (yellowish/pinkish-brown in age); thick, fleshy, brittle; not hygroscopic. Brown bowl-like collar below spore case.

Spores: White; *brown*, powdery at maturity.

Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: GUIPK.

Notes: Specimen shown measured 2 cm in diameter (without rays extended).

References: Bar 96. BBF 433, 16. Bni 503fn. K&M 183. Kuo. Lin 819, 643. M&M 447. Phi 336. Rog. Roo 443.