

Common Earth Tongue

Geoglossum difforme Fries



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ID: Black smooth, viscid stalk w/ compressed long head.

Habitat: Scattered, groups. On rotting wood or in soil or moss.

Fruiting body: 1.2 – 2.8" [3 – 7 cm] tall, black. Viscid, gelatinous when wet.

Head: 0.8 – 1.4" x 0.1 – 0.3" [2 - 3.5 cm x 3 – 10 mm]; spoon-/lance-shaped, compressed at center/irregularly folded. Dull when young, smooth & shiny when old. May have longitudinal grooves. Not sharply differentiated from stalk. Flesh brown, tough.

Stalk: 1 – 2.4 x 1/8" [2.5 – 4.5 cm x 1.5 - 6 mm]; smooth/slightly roughened, hard, viscid.

Spores: Cylindrical/needle-like, 15-septate, smooth, brown.

Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: GONRA.

Notes: Mycobank 158465. . Gorman Stream Valley NRA specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

References: BBB 420. BBF 509, 21. E&S 73. Phi 375.



SPORE (110 x 6.0 µm): Gorman Stream Valley NRA, 10/18/2018, *R. Solem*.