

Parrot Waxcap  
Parrot Mushroom

*Gliophorus psittacinus*  
(Schaeffer) Herink



OVERALL: Duvall Road, 6/12/2009,  
*J. Solem.*  
OVERALL: Robinson Nature Center,  
5/23/2018, *J. Solem.*  
TOP: Morning Choice Trail, 10/9/2015,  
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GILLS and STALKS: Robinson Nature  
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Hygrophoraceae

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**ID:** Cap olive-green at first, soon pinkish-orange; sticky/slimy (wet), smooth/shiny (dry). Stalk, color like cap.

**Habitat:** Scattered, groups. On ground under hardwoods or conifers or in grassy areas.

**Cap:** 0.4 – 1.2" [1 – 3 cm]

Green/olive-green (amber-/pinkish-orange in age). Sticky/slimy (wet), smooth/shiny (dry). Broadly conic (broadly convex/flat in age), sometimes w/ broad umbo. Margin striate, translucent (opaque in age). Flesh thin.

**Gills:** Yellow-orange/greenish/reddish, waxy. Attached. Moderately distant. Depth = 4X cap flesh. Secondary gills.

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

**Stalk:** 1.2 – 2.8" [3 – 7 cm]

Green (amber-orange/yellowish-white/pinkish in age). Equal. Hollow.

**Frequency:** Fairly common.

**Locations:** FRANF, GONRA, HENPV, MCHPV, MURHL, PIGTL, ROBNC, TUFTS, WINTR.

**Notes:** Mycobank 355816. Franciscan Friars, Duvall Road, AND Morning Choice Trail, PVSP, specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. At least 5 varieties distinguished by color/odor (BBF).

**Synonym:** *Hygrocybe psittacina*. *Hygrophorus psittacinus*.

**References:** Bar 273. BBF 143, 289. BBH 123. Bni 85. BRBSB 45, 127, 128. K&M 213. Lin 665, 103. M&M 61. W&L 363.



SPORES (6.6-8.2 X 4.3-5.2 μm): Morning Choice Trail, 10/9/2015, *R. Solem.*