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Gymnopilus junonius (Fries) P.D. Orton



OVERALL: Rockburn Branch Park, 10/21/2010, *R. Solem*.
TOPS: Schooley Mill Park, 10/1/2012. *J. Solem*.
GILLS, RINGS, STALKS: Rockburn Branch Park, 10/21/2010, *R. Solem*.
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SPORES (8.6-9.8 X 5.2-6.1 μ m): Rockburn Branch Park, 10/21/2010, *R. Solem*.

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Strophariaceae

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ID: Decaying or buried wood. Smooth ochre-orange caps, thick stem. Superior ring.

Habitat: Scattered, clustered. Decaying wood or on ground on buried wood.

Cap: 3 – 7" [7.5 – 18 cm]

Pale yellow-/ochre-orange. Dry. Smooth (scaly in age). Convex (broadly convex/nearly flat in age). Flesh pale yellow (darker in age). Taste bitter. Odor none or anise.

Gills: Ochraceous buff (yellow/rusty in age). Attached/decurrent. Close. Edges minutely fringed.

Spores: *Rusty-brown/rusty-orange*. Elliptic, roughened.

Stalk: 2 – 7" x 0.4 – 1.1" [5 – 18 cm x 1 – 3 cm]

Colored like cap; often brownish near base. Streaked w/ tiny fibrils. Tapers up; base abruptly narrows. Partial veil typically leaves superior ring.

Frequency: Occasional.

Locations: OTHER, RKBRP, SLMLP.

Notes: Mycobank 331593. Schooley Mill Park record identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

Synonym: *G. spectabilis*.

References: Bar 222. BBF 122, 285. Bni 282fn. BRBD 134, 26. E&S 172. Lin 623, 214. M&M 295. Roo 35fn.