Elephant Ear
Gabled False Morel

**Gyromitra brunnea**
Underwood

**Discinaceae**

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**ID:** Wrinkled yellow-/reddish-brown contorted cap w/ thick stalk.

**Habitat:** Solitary, scattered, on ground under hardwoods.

**Cap:** 1.5 – 4.8" wide x 1.5 – 3.5" tall [4 – 12 cm x 4 – 9]
Fertile (upper) surface yellow-/reddish-brown. Lower (sterile) surface pale yellow-brown/whitish (slightly granular and often fused to part of stalk). Irregularly folded/divided into deep wrinkled lobes; can be saddle-shaped. Moist.

**Stalk:** 1 – 4" x 1.5 – 3.5" thick [2.5 – 10 cm x 4 – 9 cm]
Chalky/pale grayish-white. Ribbed or may appear to be joined/ribbed stalks. Branched at top. Usually wider than high; equal or wider at base. Chambered interior.

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

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** DANPV, MPENA, PIGTL, SAVMT, WINTR.

**Synonyms:** *Gyromitra fastigeata*.


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