

Elephant Ear
Gabled False Morel

Gyromitra brunnea
Underwood



OVERALL: Wincopin Trail, 3/25/2011, *G. King*.
OVERALL: Wincopin Trail, 3/26/2011, *R. Solem*.
OVERALL: Daniels, 4/7/2012, *B. Ott*.
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SIDE: Wincopin Trail, 3/26/2011, *R. Solem*.
CUT: Wincopin Trail, 3/26/2011, *R. Solem*.

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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*.

References: BBB 146. BBF 474, 478. BBH 348. E&S 43FN. K&M 192. Kuo. Lin 337, 718. M&M 510. Roo 478.