White Elfin Saddle
Fluted White Helvella

*Helvella crispa* (Scopoli) Fries

**ID:** Saddle-shaped w/ fluted white/buff stalk.

**Habitat:** Solitary/groups. On ground (or very rotted wood) in pine and hardwood forests.

**Fruiting Body:** 0.8 – 2.4 X 0.3 – 1.6” [2 – 6 X 1 – 4 cm].
Saddle-shaped; lobes bent toward stalk. Margin smooth/slightly torn.
Flesh white, brittle. *Fertile surface* (top) pale cream/pale buff,
smooth/wrinkled. *Infertile surface* (bottom) pale cream/buff w/ tiny short hairs.

**Spores:** Hyaline. Oval, smooth, large central oil drop.

**Stalk:** 1 – 3.5 X 0.3 – 1.2” [2.5 – 9 cm X 1 – 3 cm].
Whitish/pinkish buff. Deeply pitted/ribbed w/ internal chambers; ribs extend onto lower surface of cap.

**Frequency:** Uncommon.

**Locations:** OTHER.

**Notes:** Mycobank 186148. Donleigh specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

**Synonym:** *Costapeda crispa*.


**SPORES (15.0-16.9 x 11.6-12.9 μm):**
Donleigh, 6/5/2018, R. Solem.