

Common Elfin Saddle
Smooth-stalked Helvella

Helvella elastica Bulliard



CLOSEUP: Woodstock, PVSP, 6/10/2015, R. Orr
 CLOSEUP: Woodstock, PVSP, 6/10/2015, J. Solem
 CLOSEUP: Woodstock, PVSP, 6/10/2015, J. Solem
 TOP: Woodstock, PVSP, 6/10/2015, B. Ott
 OVERALL: Woodstock, PVSP, 6/10/2015, J. Solem

Common Elfin Saddle
Smooth-stalked Helvella

[Helvella elastica](#)
Helvellaceae

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
					++	--	--	--	--	--	--

ID: Tan, saddle-shaped, smooth; lobes bent toward stalk. Stalk light.

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

Fruiting Body: 0.4 – 1.4 X 0.3 – 1.6" 1 – 3.5 X 0.8 – 4 cm]. Saddle-shaped; lobes bent toward stalk. Margin smooth/slightly torn. Flesh white, brittle. Fertile surface (top) tan/grayish; smooth/wrinkled. Infertile surface (bottom) white/tan; smooth..

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

Stalk: 0.6 – 4 X 1/8 – 3/8" [1.5 – 10 cm X 3 - 10 mm]. Cream-colored/pale buff. Round. Smooth (or slightly rough near apex). Hollow.

Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: WSKPV.

Notes: Mycobank 208124. Woodstock specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

Synonym: *Leptopodia elliptica*

References: Ban 76. BBF 471key. BBB 162. Bni 527fn. BRBD 281, 70. E&S 44FN. K&M 202. Lin 334, 723. M&M 513. Roo 461fn. Stu 452. W&L 68-9.



SPORES (16.7-18.0 X 11.3-12.6 µm): Woodstock, PVSP, 6/10/2015, R. Solem.