

Clustered Waxcap

Hygrocybe caespitosa Murrill



OVERALL: MPENA, 9/18/2009, *B. Ott.*
CAPS and GILLS: MPENA, 9/22/2009, *J. Solem.*
SIDE (old): MPENA, 9/22/2009, *J. Solem.*
CAPS: PIGTL, 7/13/2012, *J. Solem.*
GILLS and STALK: Big Branch, 8/19/2011, *R. Solem.*

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[*Hygrocybe caespitosa*](#)
Hygrophoraceae

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ID: Whitish/yellowish, covered w/ small dark-tipped brownish-olive scales.

Habitat: Clustered, groups. On ground under conifers or hardwoods.

Cap: 0.4 – 2.4" [1 – 6 cm]

Honey-yellow ground color covered w/ small brownish-olive scales w/ darker tips. Moist, soon dry. Convex or disc depressed (nearly flat in age). Margin often uplifted/torn in age. Flesh yellowish, thick, soft. Odor/taste not distinctive (or taste of raw potato).

Gills: Whitish/pale yellow, waxy. Attached/slightly decurrent; subdistant, may be forked. Secondary gills.

Spores: *White*. Ellipsoid, smooth.

Stalk: 0.8 – 2" x 1/8 – 1/4" [2 – 5 cm x 3 – 7 mm]

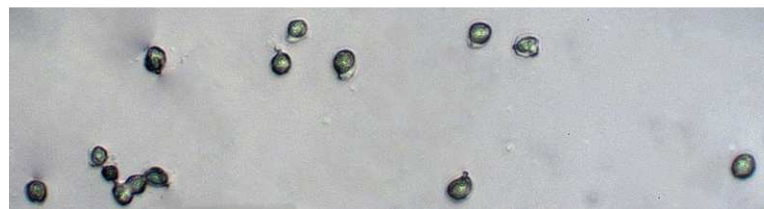
Pale yellow, yellow/olive-yellow near base. Dry. Smooth. Equal/tapers down. Becomes hollow.

Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: MPENA, PIGTL.

Notes: Mycobank 505187. Big Branch specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

References: BRSB 17, 87. BBF 136, 286. Rog 83.



SPORES (6.4-7.3 X 5.0-6.1 µm): Big Branch, 8/19/2011, *R. Solem.*