

Witch's Hat

*Hygrocybe conica*  
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OVERALL: Wincopin Trail, 6/15/2009, *R. Solem*.  
CAP: Manor Woods E.S., 9/2/2011, *J. Solem*.  
GILLS: Henryton PVSP, 9/13/2011, *R. Solem*.  
CAP: Wincopin Trail, 6/29/2014, *J. Solem*.  
GILLS and STALK: Manor Woods E.S., 9/2/2011, *J. Solem*.  
SPORES (10.1 X 6.3 µm): Wincopin Trail, 6/29/2014, *R. Solem*.

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*Hygrophoraceae*

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**ID:** Cap orange-red, bruises black; conical. Gills and stalk yellow-orange, bruise black.

**Habitat:** Solitary, scattered. On ground in coniferous or mixed forests.

**Cap:** 0.8 – 3.5" [2 – 9 cm]

Dark orange-red/orange, lighter toward margin, sometimes w/ olive-green tints or orange overall. Quickly staining black in age and when bruised. Conical; umbo w/ point, striations. Flesh like cap, thin, bruises black.

**Gills:** Light yellow/greenish-orange, waxy; bruise black. Free. Close. Broad.


**Spores:** *White*. Elliptic, smooth, hyaline.

**Stalk:** 0.8 – 4" x 1/8 - 3/8" [2 – 10 cm x 3 – 10 mm]

Yellow/yellow-orange, pale near base; bruises black. May be striate. Equal. Hollow. Fragile.

**Frequency:** Common.

**Locations:** BENBR, BIGBR, BRNBR, DANPV, FRANF, GONRA, HENPV, MANWD, MPENA, MURHL, PIGTL, SAVPK, SLMLP, SYRIV, UMDCF, WINTR.

**Notes:**  Mycobank 356885. Wincopin Trail specimen (6/29/2014) identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

**References:** Bar 269. BBF 138, 287. BBH 128. BRBD 140, 28. BRS 26, 121. E&S 180. K&M 211. Lin 658, 71, 72. M&M 62. Phi 76. Roo 173.