

Vermillion Waxcap
Fading Scarlet Waxcap

Hygrocybe miniata
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CAPS, STALK, GILLS: Morning Choice Trail, PRSP, 8/26/2014, *J. Solem*.
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SPORES (6.7 – 8.3 X 4.2 – 4.7 µm): Morning Choice Trail,
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ID: Cap, gills, and stalk scarlet when young (pink-orange fading to yellow in age).

Habitat: Scattered, groups. On ground/in moss/on decaying wood in deciduous and mixed woods.

Cap: 0.4 – 1.6" [1 – 4 cm]

Scarlet (fades to orange/yellow). Convex (broadly convex in age). May have a depressed disc. Flesh colored like cap, thin. Not sticky.

Gills: Scarlet (paler orange, yellow/orange-pink in age). Attached, sometimes slightly decurrent. Moderately distant. Broad (but thin edge). Paler than cap.

Spores: *White*. Elliptic, may be constricted in middle/wider at bases, hyaline.

Stalk: 1 – 3" x 1/8 – 1/4" [2.5 – 7.5 cm x 3 – 6 mm]

Scarlet (paler orange/yellow/orange-pink in age). May be compressed.

Frequency: Occasional.

Locations: GONRA, MCHPV, RKBRP, WSTRP.

Notes: Mycobank 356816. Morning Choice Trail specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Species is highly variable according to mycologists.

References: Bar 270. BBF 141-2, 288. BBH 129. Bni 92. BRS 36,115. K&M 212. Lin 663, 69. M&M 63. Roo 120fn. Stu 74.