

Crimson Waxcap

Hygrocybe punicea (Fries) P. Kummer



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Hygrophoraceae

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ID: Red-orange cap; yellowish gills, attached.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered, groups. On ground in coniferous and hardwood forests.

Cap: 0.8 – 4.7" [2 – 12 cm]

Deep red (paler orange-red/buff in age). Conic (flat/convex in age). Viscid/lubrious. Smooth. Flesh yellowish, thin, fragile.

Gills: Yellowish/red-orange/pale yellow. Attached, notched. Close/subdistant. Broad. Waxy.

Spores: *White*. Oblong/ellipsoid, smooth.

Stalk: 0.8 – 4.7" x 0.2 – 0.6" [2 – 12 cm x 5 – 15 mm]

Variably colored (may be paler downward). Smooth. Dry. Vertically striate/fibrillose. Splits easily. Sometimes compressed. Hollow in age.

Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: MCHPV.

Notes: Mycobank 356817. Morning Choice (2015) specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem

References: Bar 269. BBF 132key. BRS 47, 116. Lin 658fn. M&M 63. W&L 364-5.



SPORES (6.4-8.1 X 4.5-5.4 µm): Morning Choice Trail, PCSP, 12/9/2015, *R. Solem*.