Smooth Puffball

Lycoperdon molle Persoon

ID: Body brown (w/ small spines/granules; smooth in age), pear-shaped w/ large irregular pore in age. Sporerk brown/black at maturity.

Habitat: Scattered. On ground in hardwood or white pine forests.

Fruiting Body: 0.4 – 1.6” x 0.4 – 2.4” [1 – 4 cm x 1 – 6 cm] Brown w/ small spines/granules on surface (smooth in age), spore case opens by wide, irregular pore. Pear-shaped w/ stalk-like sterile base (w/ well-developed chambers as wide as body, or only a narrow stalk).

Spores: Gleba white and solid, then dark brown/black and powdery.

Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: AVORG, BIGBR, GUIPK, LONGC, MPENA, PIGTL.

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