

Multigoblet Slime Mold
Wasp Nest Slime Mold

Metatrichia vesparia
(Batsch) Nannenga-Bremekamp
ex G.W. Martin & Alexopoulos



CLOSEUP (young): MPENA, 7/8/2009, *R. Solem*.
OVERALL: Wincopin Trail, 10/30/2018, *J. Solem*.
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OVERALL: Benson Branch, 3/12/2011, *R. Orr*.

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ID: Black-metallic/dark maroon sporangia (like grapes) when young, on a common stalk.

Habitat: Dense clusters. On well-decayed wood/bark (occasionally on dead leaves).

Fruiting Body: Up to 1/8" tall [3 mm]
Wine-red/dark maroon/black-metallic sporangia (0.4 – 0.7 mm diameter) in clusters from common stalk. Well-marked lid breaks down at maturity to expose bright red-brown/purplish fluffy mass of threads (capillitium).

Stalk: Short and dark (or brick-red).

Spores: *Brownish-red*. Fusiform/foot-ball-shaped, smooth, dark brown.

Frequency: Very common.

Locations: BENBR, BRNBR, CASCT, DAVPV, GONRA, HENPV, HIRIP, MCLUR, MPENA, MCHPV, MTPLT, MURHL, OTHER, PIGTL, SLMLP, WINTR, WSTRP.

Notes: Mycobank 517472.

References: Bar 42 (good picture). Bin 375. E&S 381. Lin 852, 556. Myx 137. W&L 608.

http://www.sanamyan.com/myxomycetes/metatrichia_vesparium.php



SPORES (10.2-12.7 x 7.3-8.4 μm): Wincopin Trail, 10/30/2018, *R. Solem*