

Multigoblet Slime Mold  
Wasp Nest Slime Mold

*Metatrachia vesparium*  
(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/metatrachia\\_vesparium.php](http://www.sanamyan.com/myxomycetes/metatrachia_vesparium.php)



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