

Common Morel
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Morchella americana Clowez & Matherly
[complex]



OVERALL (two split): Orange Grove, PVSP, 4/28/2017, J. Solem.
SIDE (immature): MPENA, 4/24/2011, R. Orr.
SIDE: Waterford Farm, 5/6/2011, R. Solem.
SIDE (immature): North Farm Park, 5/4/2014, J. Solem.

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ID: Body color variable; cylindrical w/ pits and ridges. Stalk whitish; granular, sometimes ribbed.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered, groups. On ground in variety of habitats, usually under trees, frequently tulip trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*).

Fruiting Body: 0.8 – 7” H x 0.8 – 2.8” W [2 – 17.5 cm x 2 – 7 cm]
Yellow/yellow-brown (grayish when immature). Ovoid/conic/somewhat cylindrical, sponge-like. Pits round/elongated/irregular. Hollow.

Stalk: 1 – 4.5” x 0.8 – 2.8” [2.5 – 11.5 cm x 2 – 7 cm]
Whitish, equal or enlarged downward, granular, often ribbed, hollow.

Spores: Cream/light yellow.

Frequency: Common.

Locations: FULSA, GUIFP, HENPV, KALIL, MCLUR, MPENA, MTPLT, NOFPK, SAVMT, WATFD, WILLK, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 563915. There was a major revision to this genus in 2015 which concluded that *M. esculenta* does not occur in North America. The specimens photographed here appear to be *M. americana*.

References: Bar 72. BBB 179-194. BBF 476, 479. BBH 350. Bni 522. E&S 46. Lin 327, 710. M&M 504. Phi 361. Roo 485. Stu 449. W&L 63-5.