

Jack O' Lantern

*Omphalotus illudens*  
(Schweinitz) Bresinsky & Basl



FRUITING BODIES: Pigtail, 10/6/2009, *R. Solem*.  
TOPS: Pigtail, 8/20/2009, *J. Solem*.  
GILLS and STALK: Pigtail, 8/20/2009, *R. Solem*.  
GILLS and STALKS: Sykesville/River Road, PRSP, 8/20/2014, *J. Solem*.  
SPORES (4.5 – 5.0 X 3.2 – 4.0 µm): Sykesville/River Road,  
PRSP, 8/20/2014, *R. Solem*.

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*Omphalotaceae*

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Cap br orange (darkens in age), sticky. Stalk color like gills, scurfy in age.

**Habitat:** Clusters at base of hardwood trees, on stumps (especially oak), on ground on buried wood.

**Cap:** 2.8 – ~10" [7 – 18 cm]

Bright orange/yellowish-orange (often reddish-brown in age). Sticky. Convex (nearly flat/shallowly depressed in age), often w/ small umbo. Flesh white w/ orange tint. Pronounced (sweet) odor.

**Gills:** Yellow-orange. Decurrent. Close. Narrow. Thin.


**Spores:** *Whitish-cream*. Oval, smooth.

**Stalk:** 2 – 7.8" x 0.3 – 1.2" [5 – 20 cm x 1 – 3 cm]

Yellow-orange. Dry. Scurfy in age. Nearly equal (or tapers down). Solid.

**Frequency:** Fairly common.

**Locations:** BOLPL, CASCT, HAMVL, HIRIP, LONGC, MPENA, NOLAP, PIGTL, RKBRP, ROGOR, SYRIV, TUFTS.

**Notes:**  Micobank 318990. Sykesville/River Road, PVSP, specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem. Handling usually stains fingers orange.

**Synonym:** *Clitocybe illudens*.

**References:** Bar 295. BBF 216, 303. BBH 105. Bin 379. Bni 203. BRBD 180, 40. E&S 220. K&M 293. Lin 787, [788], 310, 426, 483. M&M 154. Phi 238. Roo 146. Stu 126. W&L 348-9.