

Pleated Inky Cap  
Japanese Parasol

*Parasola auricoma* (Patouillard)  
Redhead, Vilgalys & Hopple



OVERALL: Beaverbrook, 6/6/2010, *R. Orr*.  
OVERALL: Schooley Mill Park, 5/29/2018, *J. Solem*.  
GILLS and STALK: Schooley Mill Park 5/29/2018, *J. Solem*.  
GILLS and STALK: Franciscan Friars, 9/5/2014, *J. Solem*.

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*Psathyrellaceae*

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**ID:** Cap gray/grayish-brown, grooved. Gills attached to collar-like ring. Ephemeral.

**Habitat:** Scattered, clusters. Lawns and fields.

**Cap:** 0.4 – 1" [1 – 2.5 cm]

Gray/pale grayish-brown. Grooved. Curved/ovoid/convex/nearly flat (depressed disc in age). Flesh grayish, thin, fragile.

**Gills:** Grayish-buff, then gray; black in age (not deliquescing or only a little). Free (attached to collar-like ring). Subdistant/distant. Brittle.

**Spores:** *Blackish*. Oblong (one end more ointed), smooth, brown.

**Stalk:** 1.1 – 2.8" x 1/32 – 1/8" [3 – 7 cm x 1 – 3 mm]

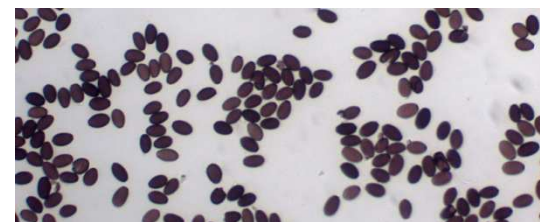
White/transparent. Smooth. Dry. Cylindrical/enlarged base. Hollow in age.

**Frequency:** Common.

**Locations:** BENBR, BIGBR, DFWMA, ELKGP, HAMVL, HENPV, MTPLT, ORRBB, PIGTL, RKBRP, SLMLP, TRIRS, WSTRP.

**Notes:** Mycobank 474759. Appears overnight (when wet) and withers by noon. There is another species [*Parasola plicatus* (Curtis) Redhead, Vilgalys & Hopple] with identical macrocharacteristics and only differing in its spores that may occur in this area. However both the Franciscan Friars and Schooley Mill Park specimens spores are *P. auricoma* (examined by *R. Solem*).

**References:** Bar 197. BBF 104, 281. BBH 181. E&S 222. K&M 297. Lin 600, 3. M&M 228.



SPORES (9.3-10.5 x 6.1-6.8 µm): Schooley Mill Park, 5/29/2018, *R. Solem*.