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Parasola plicatilis (Curtis) Redhead, Vilgalys & Hopple









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SPORES (13.3-14.9 X 8.8-10.1 µm): Franciscan Friars, 9/5/2014, R. 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 /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. Broadly oval, smooth.

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 178877. Appears overnight (when wet) and withers by noon.

Synonym: Coprinus plicatilis.

References: Bar 197. BBF 104, 281. BBH 181. E&S 222. K&M 298. Lin 600, 3. M&M 228.