

Scaly Mushroom
Sharp-scaly Pholiota

Pholiota squarrosoides
(Peck) Saccardo



OVERALL: Murray Hill, 9/29/2015, *J. Solem*.
OVERALL: Beaverbrook, 10/14/2008, *R. Orr*.
OVERALL (young): Murray Hill, 9/29/2015, *J. Solem*.
GILLS and STALK (young): Pigtail, 10/31/2013, *J. Solem*.
GILLS and STALK (mature): Murray Hill, 9/29/2015, *J. Solem*.

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Strophariaceae

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ID: Cap white/buff, densely covered w/ tan scales, slimy when wet; convex/flat. Gills never greenish. Stalk white/yellowish w/ brownish scales, whitish ring often disappears.

Habitat: Clusters (rarely solitary or scattered). On or near hardwood (not coniferous) trees or stumps.

Cap: 0.8 – 3.9" [2 – 10 cm]
White/buff, densely covered w/ tan scales. Slimy when wet. Convex/flat. Margin w/ yellowish veil remnants. Flesh white. May have faint sweet odor.

Gills: Whitish (brown in age), never greenish. Attached/ decurrent. Close. Moderately broad. Secondary gills.

Spores: Cinnamon-brown. Oval to broadly elliptical, smooth. No apical pore.

Stalk: Up to 3.9" x 0.4" [10 x 1 cm]
White/yellowish. Brownish recurved scales. Whitish ring usually disappears.

Frequency: Occasional.

Locations: MURHL, ORRBB, PIGTL.

Notes: Mycobank 149474. Beaverbrook specimen identified by microscopic examination of spores by R. Orr; Pigtail and Murray Hill specimens by R. Solem.

References: Bar 216. BBH 157. Bni 289. E&S 226. K&M 310. Kuo. Lin 717, 184, 188. Phi 205. Roo 40. Stu 203. W&L 320-1.



SPORES (4.3 x 2.7 µm): Pigtail, 10/31/2013, *micro photograph by R. Orr, measurement by R. Solem*.