

Fawn Mushroom
Deer Mushroom

Pluteus cervinus [complex]
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TOP and GILLS: Franciscan Friars, 10/18/2013, *J. Solem*.
TOP: Pigtail, 11/16/2015, *J. Solem*.
GILLS and STALK: Savage Park, 10/27/2008, *J. Solem*.
GILLS: Schooley Mill Park, 6/8/2015, *J. Solem*.
SPORES (6.2-6.8 X 5.3-5.7 µm): Schooley Mill Park, 6/8/2015, *R. Solem*.

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ID: Cap dull brown/gray-brown, viscid when wet; convex/bell-shaped (flat in age), broad umbo. Stalk off-white/brown; readily separates from cap. Taste of radishes. Use KOH.

Habitat: Solitary, groups. Decaying wood (visible or buried), sawdust piles, wood chips.

Cap: 1.2 – 4.7" [3 – 12 cm]

Dull-/gray-brown/cinnamon-brown. Smooth/streaked; often wrinkled when young, greasy when wet. Convex/bell-shaped w/ broad umbo (broadly convex/flat in age). Margin w/ veil remnants. Flesh (7 mm) white. Taste of radishes.

Gills: White/pale-pink/salmon or light brown/tan. Free. Broad. Close. Depth: 13 mm.

Spores: Pink/salmon/brownish-pink. Ellipsoid, smooth, hyaline.

Stalk: 2.0 – 3.9" x 0.2 – 0.8" [5 – 10 cm x 6 – 20 mm]

Off-white/brown. Smooth/dull brown/gray fibers. Cylindrical/bulged at bottom. Flesh fibrous. Solid.

Frequency: Abundant.

Locations: ANNRK, BENBR, BIGBR, BOLPL, BRNBR, CASCT, CEDLP, DANPV, DFWMA, FRANF, FULSA, GONRA, GWACP, HAMVL, HENPV, HIRIP, HOUCH, LONGC, MANWD, MCHPV, MCLUR, MPENA, HYRHL, NOFPK, NOLAP, OTHER, PATBT, PIGTL, RKBPR, ROBNC, ROGOR, SAVPK, SLMLP, SUKBR, SVMLT, SYRIV, TRIRS, TUFTS, UMDCF, WATFD, WSKPV, WSTRP, WINFR, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 114780. Cap readily separates from stalk. Franciscan Friars's and Schooley Mill Park specimens identified by microscopic examination of spores by R. Solem. KOH on cap negative of pale orange.

Synonym: *P. atricapillus*.

References: Bar 186. BBF 235, 306. BBH 147. Bni 224. BRBD 185, 41. E&S 231. K&M 316. Lin 675, 231, 232. M&M 203. Phi 159. Roo 211. Stu 196. W&L 384-5.