

Stinky Squid

Pseudocolus fusiformis (E. Fischer) Lloyd



OVERALL: Gorman NRA, 5/30/2009, R. Solem.
 OVERALL: Browns Bridge, 6/6/2011, W Earp.
 SPORES (4.0-4.5 X 1.6-2.8 µm): Franciscan Friars, 7/16//2014, R. Solem.

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 Phallaceae

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ID: Three to five yellowish-/pinkish-orange scaly tapering arms. Spore mass slimy, odorous.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered. On ground in parks, gardens, or at borders of open woods.

Fruiting Body [Arms]: 1 – 2.8" high [2.5 – 7 cm]
 Yellowish-/pinkish-orange fruiting body of 3 – 5 tapering arms rising from common base. Arms roughened, fused or free at tips.

Stalk: 0.8 – 1.8" [2 – 4.5 cm]
 Roughened above, wrinkled and tough. Egg white/brownish arising from white mycelial threads. Volva grayish-brown/grayish/ whitish; wrinkled and tough.

Spores: Olive-green/dark green; on inner surface of arms; slimy, odorous. Ellipsoid, smooth, hyaline.

Frequency: Common.

Locations: BRNBR, DANPV, FRANF, GONRA, HAMVL, LONGC, MPENA, MTPLT, OTHER, SLMLP, TRIRS, TUFTS, WINTR, WSTRP.

References: BBH 321. Bni 506fn. E&S 353. K&M 329. Kuo. Lin 833, 695. M&M 452. W&L 220-1.