

Rooting Cauliflower Mushroom

Sparassis americana
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OVERALL: Pigtail, 8/31/2010, *R. Orr*.
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[*Sparassis americana*](#)
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ID: Body yellowish, thin, flexible, densely-packed, lettuce-like folded lobes, dark tips; solid basal mass deeply rooting.

Habitat: Solitary, groups. On ground at base of decaying *conifers*.

Fruiting Body: 5 - 18" [13 - 46 cm] wide and high
Whitish, pale yellow/tan, flesh thin, white. Densely packed, folded, flattened lobes (*darkest* and broadest at tips).

Stalk: 2.5 - 5.5" x 0.8 - 2" [5 - 14 x 2 - 5 cm}
Dark brown/black. Tapers down. Deeply rooting.

Spores: White.

Frequency: Occasional.

Locations: GUILP, PIGTL, RKBRP, ROGOR.

Synonym: *Sparassis crispa*

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References: BBF 415, 13. BBH 308. Bin 299fn. Bni 487fn. BRBD 307, 81. E&S 284. Lin 411, 756. M&M 438. Stu 381. W&L 523-4.