Cauliflower Mushroom

*Sparassis americana*

*Sparassidaceae*

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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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