Cauliflower Mushroom *Sparassis spathulata* (Schweinitz) Fries

**ID:** Body white to cream, thin; somewhat stiff, lettuce-like folded lobes with light tips; solid basal mass near stalk.

**Habitat:** Solitary, groups. At or near base of decaying hardwoods (oaks) and conifers (pines).

**Fruiting Body:** 4 – 15” [10 – 38 cm] wide and high
Cream/pale yellow/tan, flesh thin, white. Lettuce-like, flattened, leafy, somewhat stiff, folded lobes (*palest* and broadest at tips); solid basal mass. Lacks stalk and deep root. Lacks pores.

**Spores:** White. Oval, smooth.

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** HIRIP, MCHPV, MURHL, NOLAP, PIGTL.

**Notes:** Mycobank 228531.

**Synonym:** *Sparassis herbstii* [deprecated].


SPORES (4.9 – 6.0 X 4.0 – 4.8 μm):
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