

Cauliflower Mushroom

Sparassis spathulata
(Schweinitz) Fries



OVERALL: North Laurel Park, 8/4/2008, *J. Solem*.
OVERALL: Murray Hill, 9/14/2015, *J. Solem*.

Cauliflower Mushroom

Sparassis spathulata
Sparassidaceae

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
						---	+++	++-	---		

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.

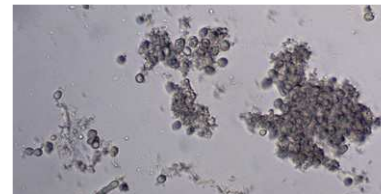
Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: GONRA, HIRIP, MCHPV, MURHL, NOLAP, OTHER, PIGTL.

Notes: Mycobank 228531.

Synonym: *Sparassis herbstii* [deprecated].

References: Bar 120. BBF 415, 13. Bin 299. Bni 487. BRBD 307, 81. E&S 285. K&M 358. M&M 438. Phi 342. Roo 433. Stu 382. W&L 523-4.



SPORES (4.9 – 6.0 X 4.0 – 4.8 μm):
Murray Hill, 9/14/2015, *R. Solem*.