

## Old Man of the Woods

*Strobilomyces confusus* Singer



SIDE: Hammond Village, 8/8/2017, J. Solem

SIDE: Rockburn Branch Park, 8/29/2010, R. Orr

TOP: Hammond Village, 8/8/2017 J. Solem

SPORES (8.9-9.5 X 7.2-9.4  $\mu$ m): Hammond Village, 8/8/2017, R. Solem

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Boletaceae

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**ID:** Cap grayish covered with small, erect, stiff and pointed black scales.

**Habitat:** Solitary, scattered. On ground or well-rotted wood in hardwood forests and conifers. (*S. strobilaceus* only in hardwoods.)

**Cap:** 1.1 – 4" [3 – 10 cm]

Whitish/grayish ground color, covered w/ small, erect, stiff and pointed gray/purplish-gray/blackish scales. Dry. Convex (broadly convex/nearly flat in age). Margin w/ cottony pieces of whitish/grayish partial veil. Flesh nearly white, quickly stains red/dark red, then black.

**Pores:** White, then gray; black in age. Stain reddish, then black. Attached/near decurrent. Angular (1 – 3/mm). Tubes (10 – 17 mm).

**Spores:** *Black*. [Spores 9-12 x 7-12  $\mu$ m (including ornamentation); globose/subglobose w/ ornamentation of spines & occasional short ridges—not reticulate.]

**Stalk:** 1.6 — 4" x 0.2 – 0.8" [4 – 10 cm x 0.5 – 2 cm]

Color of cap. Usually w/ shaggy ring zone; reticulate above zone, shaggy/wooly below. Solid. Whitish; stains reddish, then black.

**Frequency:** Uncommon.

**Locations:** HAMVL, MURHL, OTHER, RKBPR.

**Notes:** Mycobank 238002.

**References:** BBF 354fn, 10. Bin 213. Lin 581fn. M&M 388fn. Phi 285. W&L 225-8.