Old Man of the Woods  
**Strobilomyces confusus** Singer  
**Strobilomyces dryophilus** Cibula & N.S. Weber  
**Strobilomyces floccopus** Vahl

**Boletaceae**

**ID**: Cap grayish w/ dark grayish scales. Margin w/ cottony pieces of partial veil. Flesh stains red-orange, then black. (All three of the species in Eastern North America are probably in Howard County.)

**Habitat**: Solitary, scattered. On ground or well-rotted wood in hardwood forests only (except *S.confusus* is also w/ conifers.)

**Cap**: 1.1 – 6” [3 – 15.5 cm]  
Whitish/grayish ground olor, 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 orange-red/orange, then black.

**Pores**: White, then gray; black in age. Stain reddish, then black. Attached/near decurrent. Angular (1 – 2/mm). Tubes (10 – 17 mm).

**Stalk**: 1.6 – 4.8” x 0.4 – 1” [4 – 12 cm x 1 – 2.5 cm]  
Color of cap. Usually w/ shaggy ring zone; reticulate above zone, shaggy/wooly below. Solid. Whitish; stains reddish-orange, then black.

**Frequency**: Abundant.

**Locations**: BIGBR, BRNBR, DANPV, DFWMA, GATEWY, GONRA, GUIPK, HAMVL, HENPV, HIRIP, HOUCH, LONGC, MANWD, MCHPV, MPENA, NOLAP, PIGTL, RKBRP, ROBNC, ROGOR, SAVPK, SVMLT, TRIRS, UMDCF, WINTR, WSTRP.


**SPORES**: (8.9-9.5 X 7.2-9.4 μm): High Ridge Park, 7/10/2015, R. Solem  
**SPORES**: (10.1-10.6 X 9.4-9.8 μm): Hammond Village, 8/8/2017, R. Solem