

White Elfin Saddle
Fluted White Helvella

Helvella crispa (Scopoli) Fries



OVERALL: Donleigh, 6/5/2018, *J. Solem*
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 TOP: Donleigh, 6/5/2018, *J. Solem*
 STALK and CAP: Donleigh, 6/5/2018, *J. Solem*

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ID: Saddle-shaped w/ fluted white/buff stalk.

Habitat: Solitary/groups. On ground (or very rotted wood) in pine and hardwood forests.

Fruiting Body: 0.8 – 2.4 X 0.3 – 1.6" [2 – 6 X 1 – 4 cm].
 Saddle-shaped; lobes bent toward stalk. Margin smooth/slightly torn.
 Flesh white, brittle. Fertile surface (top) pale cream/pale buff;
 smooth/wrinkled. Infertile surface (bottom) pale cream/buff w/ tiny short hairs.

Spores: Hyaline. Oval, smooth, large central oil drop.

Stalk: 1 – 3.5 X 0.3 – 1.2" [2.5 – 9 cm X 1 – 3 cm].
 Whitish/pinkish buff. Deeply pitted/ribbed w/ internal chambers; ribs extend onto lower surface of cap.

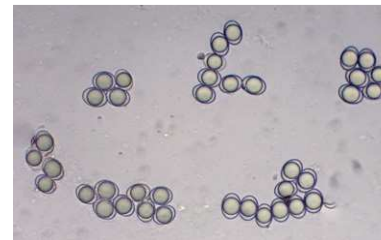
Frequency: Uncommon.

Locations: OTHER.

Notes: Mycobank 186148. Donleigh specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

Synonym: *Costapeda crispa*.

References: Bar 75. BBB 160. Bbf 475, 20. BBH 349, 31. Bni 527. BRBD 280, 70. E&S 44. K&M 202. Lin 333, 723. M&M 514. M&S 194-5. Phi 363. Roo 482. W&L 68-9.



SPORES (15.0-16.9 x 11.6-12.9 µm):
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