

Scaly Inky Cap

Coprinopsis variegata (Peck)
Redhead, Vilgalys & Moncalvo



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Psathyrellaceae

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ID: Cap grayish w/ dingy scales; egg-shaped when young. Deliquesces. Odor unpleasant (garlicky).

Habitat: Dense clusters. On decaying hardwood (often on buried wood in lawns).

Cap: 1.5 – 3" [4 – 7.5 cm]
Grayish-brown/gray w/ white/dingy yellow scales that wash off. Curved to egg-/bell-shaped in age. Flesh pale tan. Garlic odor (strong and unpleasant).

Gills: White; quickly gray, purplish-brown/black in age and deliquescing. Free. Very crowded.

Spores: Black. Ellipsoid w/ apical pore, smooth.

Stalk: 2 – 4.8"x 0.2 – 0.4" [5 – 12 cm x 5 – 10 mm]
Whitish. Scurfy/smooth near top; fibrillose from base to obscure ring area. Tapers to top. Whitish flesh. Hollow in age.

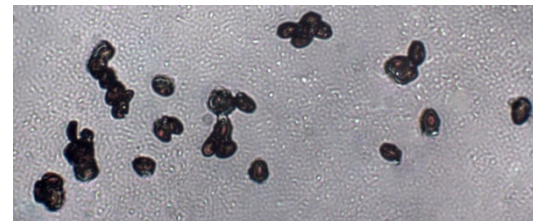
Frequency: Common.

Locations: BENBR, CASCT, DANPV, GONRA, MCHPV, MPENA, MTPLT, MURHL, PATBT, SLMLP, WINFR, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 474342. Schooley Mill Park specimen identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

Synonym: *Coprinus variegatus*. *Coprinus quadrifidus*.

References: Bar 195. BBF 105, 281. BBH 180. Bni 331. BRBD 126fn. E&S 151fn. K&M 150. Lin 601, 703. Phi 236. Roo 206. Stu 220. W&L 278-9.



SPORES (8.0-8.6 X 5.2-5.6 µm): Schooley Mill Park, 5/18//2009, R. Solem.

OVERALL: Daniels, PVSP, 6/19/2009, J. Solem.
GILLS and DELIQUESCING CAP: Schooley Mill Park, 5/18//2009, J. Solem.
CUT TOP: Daniels, PVSP, 6/19/2009, J. Solem.
DELIQUESCING GROUP: Savage Park, 7/19/2008, J. Solem.