Mica Cap
Coprinellus micaceus
(Bullard) Vilgalys, Hopple & Jacq. Johnson

ID: Cap tawny w/ mica-like scales. Deliquesces.

Habitat: Dense clusters. In grass or on decaying hardwood.

Cap: 0.8 – 2" [2 – 5 cm]
Tawny/orange-brown disc, yellowish-tan toward margin, grayish/dark grayish-brown in age. Granular scales in button stage, then smooth but grooved. Curved/egg-shaped (bell-shaped/convex in age). Margin inrolled, then curls upward; irregular in age. Flesh whitish, very thin.

Gills: Grayish-buff, then gray (black as they deliquesce). Attached, but then separate from cap. Crowded.

Spores: Black. Ellipsoid w/ appical pore (shaped like a bishop’s cap), smooth.

Stalk: 1 – 3.1" x 1/8 – 1/4 " [2.5 – 8 cm x 2 – 5 mm]

Frequency: Common.

Locations: BONSC, CASCT, DEDLP, DANPV, GWACP, HAMVL, HENPV, HIRIP, MANWD, MCHPV, MPENA, MTPLT, OTHER, PIGTL, RKBPR, SLMLP, CVMT, WSTRP, WINTR.

Notes: Mycobank 474361. MPENA (4/9/2009) and Daniels (10/15/2015) specimens identified by examination of spores by R. Solem.

Synonym: Coprinus micaceus.


SPORES (7.5-8.6 X 4.8-6.1 μm): MPENA, 4/9/2009, R. Solem.
Specimen not photographed.