Scaly Mushroom
Sharp-scaly Pholiota

*Pholiota squarrosoides*
(Peck) Saccardo

**ID:** Cap white/buff, densely covered w/ tan scales, slimy when wet; convex/flat. Gills never greenish. Stalk white/yellowish w/ brownish scales, whitish ring often disappears.

**Habitat:** Clusters (rarely solitary or scattered). On or near hardwood (not coniferous) trees or stumps.

**Cap:** 0.8 – 3.9” [2 – 10 cm]
White/buff, densely covered w/ tan scales. Slimy when wet. Convex/flat. Margin w/ yellowish veil remnants. Flesh white. May have faint sweet odor.


**Spores:** Cinnamon-brown. Oval to broadly elliptical, smooth. No apical pore.

**Stalk:** Up to 3.9” x 0.4” [10 x 1 cm]

**Frequency:** Occasional.

**Locations:** MURHL, ORRBB, PIGTL.

**Notes:** Mycobank 149474. Beaverbrook specimen identified by microscopic examination of spores by R. Orr; Pigtail and Murray Hill specimens by R. Solem.


SPORES (4.3 x 2.7 μm): Pigtail, 10/31/2013, *micro photograph* by R. Orr, *measurement* by R. Solem.