Mushroom Collector’s Journal

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<th>Specimen information (5)</th>
<th>Measurements (2)</th>
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<td>Date of Collection and Location:</td>
<td>Size of Cap or Basidiocarp (Diameter &amp; height if round, or length, width &amp; height if not round):</td>
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<td>Location Found (forest, meadow, tree stump, etc.):</td>
<td>Length &amp; diameter of stipe (stem) if present:</td>
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<td>Condition of Specimen (immature, fresh, dried out, etc.):</td>
<td>Spore Print (1 bonus point* possible): Color of Spores:</td>
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<td>Cap/Pileus Characteristics (dry, sticky, smooth, rounded, flat, sunken in center, rough textured, speckled, etc.):</td>
<td>Attach spore print here and cover with clear tape, or attach on separate sheet If larger area needed.</td>
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<td>Stem/Stipe Characteristics (thin, straight, tapered, smooth, rough, striated, with an annulus or partial veil, bulbous base, etc.):</td>
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**Note:** Mushrooms should be gently dug from the soil, not pulled or broken away. One important feature used in identification of some genera is the presence or absence of a bulbous base. If the mushroom is broken off or pulled from the ground, this feature may be lost.
### Your Notes (1)

Describe additional features that you noted for this specimen such as color or texture of various parts. Was the specimen growing by itself or in a cluster, were clusters attached or separate at the base, etc.?

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### References Used (1)

List all references used in identification of this specimen. Include the URL for web sites.

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<td>Attach photos and large spore print(s) here. Include additional sheets if needed, and label each photo (top, side, underside, etc.).</td>
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Conclusions (2)

Based on all of the information you have collected, what fungus do you think this specimen is, and why?

Genus: ____________________________________________________________

Species (1 bonus point* possible): ________________________________________

Common name(s) (if available): _________________________________________
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List some key features that you used to identify this fungus.
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What have you learned from this process?
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Sign & date this journal entry!

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Date this page was completed: _____________________

* Numbers in parentheses () indicate the value of each section for each sample submitted. For the entire journal (6 entries), there are 112 possible points if each bonus section is completed correctly.