

Lepiota cristata (Bolton) Kummer

Crested Lepiota

Lepiota from lepis, scale; cristata from crista, tuft or crest, referring to the scales on the cap



Description:

mushroom

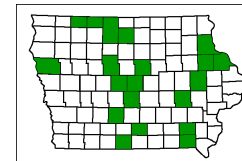
Fruiting Body: cap 1.5-5cm; stipe 3-7 cm x 2-5 mm diameter, equal.. **Spore Print Color:** white. **Spores:** basidiospores 5.5-7 x3-4 micro,m; wedge shaped;pleurocytidia none..

Diagnostic macroscopic feature: flesh fragile, concentric rings of small brownscales w/ pale color between them, annulus present, odor strong and unpleasent.

Diagnostic microscopic feature: spores wedge shaped; cuticle composed of a compact layer of pyriform cells, between the scales composed of appressed colorless hyphae.

Nutritional Mode: saprobe

Substrate: growing on rotten logs, soil, humus, between rocks



common in
Central United
StatesCommon

Habitat: varies

Fruiting Season: Summer

Kingdom: Fungi

Phylum: Basidiomycota

Order: Agaricales