

Volvariella gloiocephala (DC.) Boekhout & Enderle

Volvariella from volva, a word for wrapper, referring to the universal veil that covers the young mushroom; gloiocephala means sticky head or cap



Description:

mushroom

Fruiting Body: cap 5-10 cm; stalk central, 8-15 cm long x 1-2 cm diameter. **Spore Print Color:** pink.

Spores: basidiospores 12-20 x 7-12 μm , ellipsoid, smooth, colorless to pink-tinged.

Diagnostic macroscopic feature: white to gray mushroom with viscid cap, free gills, and volva, pink spore print, on ground or humus in woods

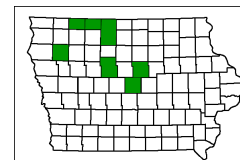
Diagnostic microscopic feature: may have clavate cystidia

Nutritional Mode: saprobe

Substrate: on ground or humus

Habitat: in woods, fields

Fruiting Season: summer



**somewhat
common**

Kingdom: Fungi
Phylum: Basidiomycota
Order: Agaricales