

Geastrum triplex



Geastrum triplex © Fran Guard

Exoperidium: pale buff with a pinkish tinge when young; breaking in to 5 - 7 rays, split in to 3 layers with a collar between the endo and exo peridiums; 30 - 120 mm diameter; to finely velutinate; not trapping debris.

Stipe: absent, endoperidium sessile.

Endoperidium: globose; grey buff; up to 40 mm diameter, tomentose.

Peristome: well defined, fibrillose, conical with a pale area around it.

Flesh: thick.

Spore print: brown ochraceous, yellowish brown.

Spores: globose; $3.5 - 4.5 \times 3.5 - 4.5 \mu\text{m}$ excluding ornamentation, with blunt warts to $\pm 0.6 \mu\text{m}$.

Habitat: growing in litter, mulch and garden debris in a wide range of habitats.

Notes: this large fleshy sessile earthstar is easy to identify in the field due to the presence of a collar.

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