

# parrot toadstool

## *Gliophorus psittacinus*

### FEATURES

Also known as the parrot waxcap, this mushroom is green when young changing to yellow or yellow-tan with age. It is slimy. Its cap is one-tenth to one inch in diameter. The cap expands to nearly flat as the fruiting body matures. The stem is four-tenths to one and one-half inches tall and green to yellow-green in coloration. The gills are green to start with but change to yellow. The spore print is white.

### BEHAVIORS

Fruiting bodies appear from late spring through fall. They can be found in hardwood and coniferous forests, often growing in mosses.

### TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Fungi  
Phylum: Basidiomycota  
Class: Agaricomycetes  
Order: Agaricales  
Family: Hygrophoraceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### ILLINOIS RANGE





**Aquatic Habitats**

none

**Woodland Habitats**

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none