

## Matchmaker: Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest

Below are written descriptions and images of fruiting bodies, mushrooms, of the fungal species in this ectomycorrhizal association. The information is from the web version of the Matchmaker: Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest (MMPNW) created by the Canadian Forest Service and based on the Windows MMPNW version 1.3 by Ian and Eli Gibson.

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**LATIN NAME(S)** *Amanita franchetii* (Boud.) Fayod; *Amanita aspera* (Fr.) Quelet

**ENGLISH NAME(S)** yellow-veiled Amanita

**NOTES** important features are the powdery yellow universal veil and yellow partial veil, which forms a yellow or partly yellow ring; common in Pacific Northwest, reported specifically from WA by O'Dell(1), frequent on foray lists from BC, there are collections from CA, CT in NYBG

**CAP** 4.5-12(15)cm, nearly round to convex then flat; bright yellow to straw-colored to yellowy brown or grayish brown or dark brown, margin often yellow at very edge; smooth, sticky when wet, then becoming dry, covered with yellow farinaceous or powdery warts which become flattened and grayish to dingy buff when old or occasionally disappear, margin not striate or only faintly so

**FLESH** soft; white or tinged yellow

**GILLS** free to adnate, broad, close; whitish or yellow-tinged

**STEM** 5-15(20)cm x 0.7-2.5cm, white to pale yellow above ring, white to yellow, buff, or grayish-tinged below, stuffed, tapering slightly to top, smooth or slightly woolly or powdery, ball shaped basal bulb often with orangish, reddish or brown stains inside or outside, VOLVA base dotted with concentric volval remnants (powdery crumbling easily, scaly volva forming scaly zones and/or yellow to grayish-yellow powdery scales), base sometimes bruising red-brown around insect holes at base

**VEIL** membranous, white to pale yellow above with faint striations, bright yellow to grayish-yellow on underside, forming a superior skirtlike ring with yellow especially at edges

**ODOR** faint, not distinctive

**EDIBILITY** avoid

**HABITAT** solitary to scattered or in small groups in mixed woods, 'often under birch'

**SPORE DEPOSIT** white

**MICROSCOPIC** spores 8-12 x 6-8 microns, elliptic, smooth, amyloid

**SIMILAR** like browner forms of pantherina but ring and warts on cap are not white, and volva is different



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**FAMILY** Pluteaceae of Order Agaricales



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