

# Black Morel *Morchella elata*

**Traits:** cap up to 9 cm high and 7 cm in diam., conic, hollow, honeycombed, ribbed, blond becoming dark brown; stem whitish, up to 10 cm high; spores yellow-ocre

**When:** occasional, 2 weeks in May

**Where:** poor, disturbed, alcalin soil, near poplar, in mulch, concentrated in burns



**Note:** gyromitra look-alike, toxic; at least 16 similar North american species in the same lineage; cook thoroughly before eating