

THE OFFICIAL
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Seasonality Guide

To Edible Fungi in Southern Wisconsin



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INTRODUCTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



The Madison Mycological Society is proud to present this guide! This resource is intended to serve as a starting point and quick reference to species & genera of edible fungi in Wisconsin, their phenology (seasonality), and basic visual characteristics.

This guide is not comprehensive and does not include every edible species available nor does it include all poisonous or deadly poisonous look-alikes to those listed (lookalikes on pages 24-25). This guide instead aims to highlight most of the common, most highly prized or choice edible species available. Always thoroughly cook any wild mushroom you intend to eat.

This guide is not intended to serve as a field guide or identification resource. Please use additional resources to positively identify any wild mushroom.

Whenever foraging and harvesting for wild edible fungi please adhere to local harvest limits, property boundaries, and other applicable laws and regulations. Harvest in a way which is sustainable and minimizes disturbance to the natural habitat which you are foraging in.

DISCLAIMER ON CONSUMING WILD EDIBLES

To the extent possible under all present laws and regulations, we, the Madison Mycological Society are not responsible for things that go into your mouth. We are happy to provide general guidelines and identification, but it is ultimately up to an individual (and their confidence in their own understanding of what something is) to decide whether or not to consume something. Please do not eat things if you don't know what they are.

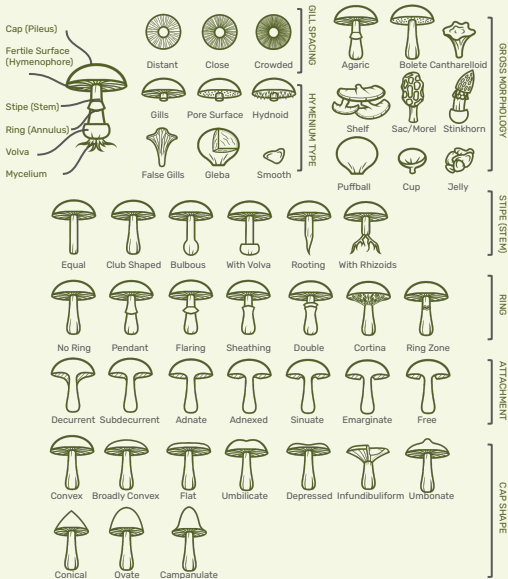
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Although land acknowledgement is not nearly sufficient in addressing these issues and their history, we would like to acknowledge that the Madison Mycological Society was founded on and operates within the traditional and current homelands of the Ho Chunk people. Though the US government attempted to remove the Ho Chunk through coercive treaties and violent relocation campaigns, the nation persisted in fighting for their right to live with and protect their ancestral lands. We recognize and strive to combat the continuing white supremacy and colonialism in the fields of ecology, botany, and mycology, as well as the overwhelming culture of privilege and exclusion in outdoor recreation and education.

MORPHOLOGY GUIDE



The following terms for Key Identifying Characteristics are used in this guide.





DECEMBER - MARCH

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

BRICK CAP

(*Hyphaloma lateritium*)

Grows on Hardwood

Lookalikes: Sulfur Tuft, Deadly Galerina

Taste: Average

COMMON OYSTER

(*Pleurotus ostreatus*)

Grows Primarily on Hardwoods - Common

Taste: Choice

ENOKI

(*Flammulina velutipes*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Elm, Poplar

Lookalikes: Deadly Galerina

Taste: Gourmet

WOOD BLEWIT

(*Collybia nuda*)

Grows on Leaf Litter and other Organic Debris

Lookalikes: Webcaps

Taste: Good

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)

Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially

Hickory

Taste: Choice

WETLAND AND LOWLAND

SCARLET ELFCUP

(*Sarcoscypha* sp.)

Grows on Wood and Detritus

Taste: Average

Agaric, brick-colored Broadly Convex bald Cap with faded margin, Adnate yellow Close Gills; turn purple-gray in age, densely clustered, small size. Equal Stipe whitish on top, fading to reddish below, faint Ring Zone, purple spores

Shelf, gray-brown Convex to Flat bald Cap, Decurrent white Close Gills, rudimentary Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Agaric, orange to brown Convex sticky bald Cap, Adnate off-white Close Gills, densely clustered, small size, tough pale yellow Equal Stipe with dark velvet nearer to the base, white spores

Agaric, lilac to brown Broadly Convex bald Cap with translucent Margin; wavy in age, Emarginate lilac Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, Bulbous Stipe thick and hairy, with lilac to buff Mycelium, buff spores

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores

Cup Fungus, Smooth concave scarlet-red upwards-facing Fertile Surface, lighter pink to flesh-colored underside, single or small clusters, tiny or small size and thin flesh, short central or no Stipe, colorless spores





APRIL

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

COMMON OYSTER

(*Pleurotus ostreatus*)

Grows Primarily on Hardwoods - Common

Taste: Choice

DRYAD'S SADDLE

(*Cerioporus squamosus*)

Grows on Hardwood, Especially Boxelder and Silver Maple

Taste: Average

MICA CAP

(*Coprinellus micaceus*)

Grows on Decaying Wood

Lookalikes: Scaly Ink Cap, Common Ink, Deadly Galerina

Taste: Average

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)

Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially Hickory

Taste: Choice

WETLAND AND LOWLAND

MOREL

(*Morchella* sp.)

Associates with Elm, Ash, Cherry, Apple, Cottonwood, Hickory, Aspen, Pine, etc. and in Burned Areas

Lookalikes: False Morels, Early Morels

Taste: Gourmet

SCARLET ELFCUP

(*Sarcoscypha* sp.)

Grows on Wood and Detritus

Taste: Average

FIELD AND MEADOW

SHAGGY MANE

(*Coprinus comatus*)

Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus

Taste: Choice

WINE CAP

(*Strapharia rugosoannulata*)

Grows on Detritus

Taste: Good

Shelf, gray-brown Convex to Flat bald Cap, Decurrent white Close Gills, rudimentary Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Shelf, straw-colored fan or Indublidiform Cap with radial brown Scales, white Decurrent Pore Surface with angular pores, clustered, large size, lateral white Bulbous Stipe, blackening towards the base in age, white spores

Agaric, tawny Ovate Cap with specular granules and grooved, sometimes tattered or inky margin, dark brown to black Free Gills, deliquescent, densely clustered, small size, white hollow Equal Stipe, black spores. Use caution when consuming with alcohol

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores

Sac Fungus, Cylindrical blonde pitted Cap with Conic or Convex apex and blunt ridges; ridges are dark in some species, Cap is attached or mostly attached to stipe, scattered, small to medium size, white hollow Equal or Bulbous Stipe, cream spores

Cup Fungus, Smooth concave scarlet-red upwards-facing Fertile Surface, lighter pink to flesh-colored underside, single or small clusters, tiny or small size and thin flesh, short central or no Stipe, colorless spores

Agaric, white Campanulate Cap (Cylindrical when young) with white fluffy Scales and brownish center, edges turn tattered and inky in age, black Free Crowded Gills, deliquescent, gregarious or scattered, medium size, white hollow Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring, black spores

Agaric, red wine-colored Convex to Flat bald Cap, whitish Adnate Close Gills which become dark purplish in age, gregarious, medium to large size, whitish Equal Stipe with thick, grooved Flaring Ring





MAY

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS

(*Laetiporus sulphureus*, *L. cincinnatus*, *L. huronensis*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Oak (*L. huronensis* on Conifers)

Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern

Allergic reactions common

Taste: Choice

DRYAD'S SADDLE

(*Ceriporus squamosus*)

Grows on Hardwood, Especially Boxelder and Silver Maple

Taste: Average

GOLDEN OYSTER

(*Pleurotus citrinipileatus*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Elm-Common (Invasive)

Taste: Choice

MICA CAP

(*Coprinellus micaceus*)

Grows on Decaying Wood

Lookalikes: Scaly Ink Cap, Common Ink,

Deadly Galerina

Taste: Average

SUMMER OYSTER

(*Pleurotus pulmonarius*)

Grows on Hardwoods - Common

Lookalikes: Angel Wing

Taste: Choice

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)

Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially Hickory

Taste: Choice

WETLAND AND LOWLAND

MOREL

(*Morchella* sp.)

Associates with Elm, Ash, Cherry, Apple, Cottonwood, Hickory, Aspen, Pine, etc. and in Burned Areas

Lookalikes: False Morel, Early Morel

Taste: Gourmet

FIELD AND MEADOW

SHAGGY MANE

(*Coprinus comatus*)

Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus

Taste: Choice

WINE CAP

(*Strapharia rugosaannulata*)

Grows on Detritus

Taste: Good

Shelf or Rosette, somewhat wrinkled bright orange Flat Cap with lighter or yellowish margin, yellow Pore Surface (white or pinkish in *L. cincinnatus*), densely clustered, large to huge size, no Stipe, white spores

Shelf, straw-colored fan or indubidiform Cap with radial brown Scales, white Decurrent Pore Surface with angular pores, clustered, large size, lateral white Bulbous Stipe, blackening towards the base in age, white spores

Shelf, bright yellow Convex to Depressed bald Cap, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Equal white Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Agaric, tawny Ovate Cap with specular granules and grooved, sometimes tattered or inky margin, dark brown to black Free Gills, deliquescent, densely clustered, small size, white hollow Equal Stipe, black spores. Use caution when consuming with alcohol

Shelf, whitish to beige Convex to Flat bald Cap with fine grooves, thin flesh, wavy in age, semicircular or lung shaped, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores

Sac Fungus, Cylindrical blonde pitted Cap with Conic or Convex apex and blunt ridges; ridges are dark in some species, Cap is attached or mostly attached to stipe, scattered, small to medium size, white hollow Equal or Bulbous Stipe, cream spores

Agaric, white Campanulate Cap (Cylindrical when young) with white fluffy Scales and brownish center, edges turn tattered and inky in age, black Free Crowded Gills, deliquescent, gregarious or scattered, medium size, white hollow Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring, black spores

Agaric, red wine-colored Convex to Flat bald Cap, whitish Adnate Close Gills which become dark purplish in age, gregarious, medium to large size, whitish Equal Stipe with thick, grooved Flaring Ring





JUNE

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

CANDY APPLE BOLETE

(*Exsudoporus frostii*)

Associates with Oaks and other Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS

(*Laetiporus sulphureus*, *L. cincinnatus*, *L. huroniensis*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Oak (*L. huroniensis* on Conifers)
Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern
Allergic reactions common
Taste: Choice

DRYAD'S SADDLE

(*Cerioporus squamosus*)

Grows on Hardwood, Especially Boxelder and Silver Maple
Taste: Average

GOLDEN OYSTER

(*Pleurotus citrinipileatus*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Elm-Common (Invasive)
Taste: Choice

MICA CAP

(*Coprinellus micaceus*)

Grows on Decaying Wood
Lookalikes: Scaly Ink Cap, Common Inky, Deadly Galerina
Taste: Average

SUMMER OYSTER

(*Pleurotus pulmonarius*)

Grows on Hardwoods - Common
Lookalikes: Angel Wings
Taste: Choice

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

CHANTERELLE

(*Cantharellus* sp.)

Associates with Oak, Hickory, Hemlock and other Hardwoods

Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern, False Chanterelle
Taste: Gourmet

SNOW FUNGUS

(*Tremella fuciformis*)

Grows on Wood
Lookalikes: White Jelly Fungus
Taste: Good

GREEN-QUILTED-BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula parvovirescens*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods, especially Oak
Taste: Choice

WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)

Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially Hickory
Taste: Choice

Bolete, bright red Convex Viscid Cap, dark red Adnate Pore Surface with honey-colored dew droplets, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, red-orange Club-Shaped Stipe with wrinkled, raised netting, bruises blue, olive-brown spores

Shelf or Rosette, somewhat wrinkled bright orange flattish Convex Cap with lighter or yellower margin, yellow Pore Surface (white or pinkish in *L. cincinnatus*), densely clustered, large to huge size, no Stipe, white spores.

Shelf, straw-colored fan or Indubidiform Cap with radial brown Scales, white Decurrent Pore Surface with angular pores, clustered, large size, lateral white Bulbous Stipe, blackening towards the base in age, white spore

Shelf, bright yellow Convex to Depressed bald Cap, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Equal white Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Agaric, tawny Ovate Cap with specular granules and grooved, sometimes tattered or inky margin, dark brown to black Free Gills, deliquescent, densely clustered, small size, white hollow Equal Stipe, black spores

Shelf, whitish to beige Convex to Flat bald Cap with fine grooves, wavy in age, semicircular or lung shaped, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Cantharelloid, smooth yellow, orange or red Flat, Depressed or Infundibuliform bald Cap with irregular margin, cream to yellowish or orange False Gills, gregarious, small to medium size, white or yellow Equal Stipe, cream, pinkish or yellow spores

Jelly, translucent white irregular shape, Smooth Fertile Surface, single, small size, white spores

Agaric, pale green Convex to Depressed bald Cap with cracking patterns and grooved margin, creamy Close Adnate Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, white smooth Equal Stipe, creamy spores, flesh is brittle

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores



FIELD AND MEADOW

MEADOW MUSHROOM

(*Agaricus campestris*)

Grows on Grass & Detritus

Lookalikes: Yellow Staining Agaricus,

Destroying Angel

Taste: Good

PARASOL MUSHROOM

(*Macrolepiota procera*)

Grows on Grass, Detritus and in Woods

Lookalikes: False Parasol

Taste: Choice

SHAGGY MANE

(*Coprinus comatus*)

Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus

Taste: Choice

WINE CAP

(*Stropharia rugosoannulata*)

Grows on Detritus

Taste: Good

Agaric, white silky bald Convex Cap,
Adnate deep pink to brown Crowded Free
Gills, single, gregarious or in fairy rings,
large size, whitish Equal Stipe with white
Flaring Ring, brown spores



Agaric, whitish Convex Cap with a darker
center and brown Scales, white Free Close
Gills, single or scattered, large size, light
colored narrow Equal Stipe with Flaring
Ring and browner Scales, white spores



Agaric, white Campanulate Cap
(Cylindrical when young) with white fluffy
Scales and brownish center, edges turn
tattered and inky in age, black Free
Crowded Gills, deliquescent, gregarious or
scattered, medium size, white hollow
Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring, black spores



Agaric, red wine-colored Convex to Flat
bald Cap, whitish Adnate Close Gills which
become dark purplish in age, gregarious,
medium to large size, whitish Equal Stipe
with thick, grooved Flaring Ring



JUNE



JULY

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

BLACK-STAINING-POLYPORE

(*Meripilus sumstinei*)

Grows at the Bases of Hardwoods, especially Oak

Taste: Good

CANDY APPLE BOLETE

(*Exsudoporus frostii*)

Associates with Oaks and other Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS

(*Laetiporus sulphureus*, *L. cincinnatus*, *L. huronensis*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Oak (*L. huronensis* on Conifers)

Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern

Allergic reactions common

Taste: Choice

DRYAD'S SADDLE

(*Cerioporus squamosus*)

Grows on Hardwood, Especially Boxelder and Silver Maple

Taste: Average

GEM STUDD PUFFBALL

(*Lycoperdon perlatum*)

Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus

Lookalikes: Amanita Eggs

Taste: Good

GOLDEN OYSTER

(*Pleurotus citrinipileatus*)

Grows on Hardwoods (Invasive)

Taste: Choice

PEAR SHAPED PUFFBALL

(*Apioperdon pyriforme*)

Grows on Wood & Detritus

Lookalikes: Amanita Eggs, Earthball

Taste: Good

SUMMER OYSTER

(*Pleurotus pulmonarius*)

Grows on Hardwoods - Common

Lookalikes: Angel Wing

Taste: Choice

CONIFEROUS FOREST

WEeping MILK CAP

(*Lactifluus volemus*)

Associates with Conifers and Some Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

CHANTERELLE

(*Cantharellus* sp.)

Associates with Oak, Hickory, Hemlock and other Hardwoods

Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern, False Chanterelle

Taste: Gourmet

Rosette of Shelves, whitish to yellowish often banded or streaked fan-shaped Caps which brown in age, whitish Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, caps connected by whitish Club-Shaped Stipes, stains black, white spores

Bolete, bright red Convex Viscid Cap, dark red Adnate Pore Surface with honey-colored dew droplets, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, red-orange Club-Shaped Stipe with wrinkled, raised netting, bruises blue, olive-brown spores

Shelf or Rosette, somewhat wrinkled bright orange Flat Cap with lighter or yellower margin, yellow Pore Surface (white or pinkish in *L. cincinnatus*), densely clustered, large to huge size, no Stipe, white spores

Shelf, straw-colored fan or Indubidiform Cap with radial brown Scales, white Decurrent Pore Surface with angular pores, clustered, large size, lateral white Bulbous Stipe, blackening towards the base in age, white spores

Puffball, button-shaped white Cap with white small conical ornamentations, white Gleba which turns olive in age, scattered, gregarious or clustered, small size, short white Equal Stipe, brown spores

Shelf, bright yellow Convex to Depressed bald Cap, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Equal white Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Puffball, button-shaped off-white Cap with tan Scales, white Gleba which turns brown in age, scattered, gregarious or clustered, small size, short off-white Equal Stipe, brown spores

Shelf, whitish to beige Convex to Flat bald Cap with fine grooves, wavy in age, semicircular or lung shaped, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Agaric, orange velvety Convex to Depressed Cap, whitish-yellow Decurrent Close Gills, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, Equal Stipe colored like the cap, Gills bleed white latex, white spores

Cantharelloid, smooth yellow, orange or red Flat, Depressed or Infundibuliform bald Cap with irregular margin, cream to yellowish or orange False Gills, gregarious, small to medium size, white or yellow Equal Stipe, cream, pinkish or yellow spores



MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST (Cont.)

GREEN-QUILTED-BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula parvovirescens*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods, especially Oak

Taste: Choice

Agaric, pale green Convex to Depressed bald Cap with cracking patterns and grooved margin, creamy Close Adnate Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, white smooth Equal Stipe, creamy spores, flesh is brittle



OLD MAN OF THE WOODS

(*Strobilomyces strobilaceus*)

Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, often Oak and Beech

Taste: Good

Bolete, greyish Convex Cap with large, thick black Scales, grey to black Adnate Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, shaggy reticulated dark gray Equal Stipe, black spores



SHRIMP BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula xerampelina*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

Agaric, red to purple bald sticky Broadly Convex Cap, yellowish-cream Adnate Close Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, whitish Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, creamy to orange yellow spores



SNOW FUNGUS

(*Tremella fuciformis*)

Grows on Wood

Lookalikes: White Jelly Fungus

Taste: Good

Jelly, translucent white irregular shape, Smooth Fertile Surface, single, small size, white spores



VARIEGATED BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula cyanoxantha*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

Agaric, greyish-blue to greyish brown bald Broadly Convex Cap, cream colored Adnate Close Gills, single or gregarious, medium size, short white Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, white spores



WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)

Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially Hickory

Taste: Choice

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores



WETLAND AND LOWLAND

YELLOW SWAMP BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula claroflava*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods, especially Birch and Spruce

Taste: Good

Agaric, bright yellow sticky bald Broadly Convex Cap, cream colored Adnate Close Gills, single or gregarious, medium size, short white Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, orangish-yellow spores



FIELD AND MEADOW

MEADOW MUSHROOM

(*Agaricus campestris*)

Grows on Grass & Detritus

Lookalikes: Yellow Staining Agaricus,

Destroying Angel

Taste: Good

Agaric, white silky bald Convex Cap, Adnate deep pink to brown Crowded Free Gills, single, gregarious or in fairy rings, large size, whitish Equal Stipe with white Flaring Ring, brown spores



PARASOL MUSHROOM

(*Macrolepiota procera*)

Grows on Grass and Detritus

Lookalikes: False Parasol

Taste: Good

Agaric, whitish Convex Cap with a darker center and brown Scales, white Free Close Gills, single or scattered, large size, light colored narrow Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring and browner Scales, white spores



JULY



AUGUST

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

BLACK-STAINING-POLYPORE

(*Meripilus sumstinei*)

Grows at the Bases of Hardwoods, especially Oak

Taste: Good

CANDY APPLE BOLETE

(*Exsudoporus frostii*)

Associates with Oaks and other Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

CAULIFLOWER MUSHROOM

(*Sparassiss spathulata*, *S. americana*)

Grows from a common point with banding color, Hardwoods, Occasionally Conifers

Taste: Choice

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS

(*Laetiporus sulphureus*, *L. cincinnatus*, *L. huronensis*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Oak (*L. huronensis* on Conifers)

Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern

Allergic reactions common

Taste: Choice

DRYAD'S SADDLE

(*Cerioporus squamosus*)

Grows on Hardwood, Especially Boxelder and Silver Maple

Taste: Average

GEM STUDD PUFFBALL

(*Lycoperdon perlatum*)

Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus

Lookalikes: Amanita Eggs

Taste: Good

GOLDEN OYSTER

(*Pleurotus citrinopileatus*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Elm-Common (Invasive)

Taste: Choice

INDIGO MILK CAP

(*Lactarius indigo*)

Associates with Hardwoods, especially Oak, and Pine

Taste: Average

LION'S MANE & RELATIVES

(*Herichium erinaceus*, *H. americanum*, *H. coralloides*)

Grows on Hardwoods, especially Beech

Taste: Gourmet

MAITAKE/HEN OF THE WOODS

(*Grifola frondosa*)

Grows at the Base of Oak, occasionally Maple

Taste: Gourmet

Rosette of Shelves, whitish to yellowish often banded or streaked fan-shaped Caps which brown in age, whitish Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, caps connected by whitish Stipes, stains black, white spores

Bolete, bright red Convex Viscid Cap, dark red Adnate Pore Surface with honey-colored dew droplets, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, red-orange Club-Shaped Stipe with wrinkled, raised netting, bruises blue, olive-brown spores

Cauliflower or Brain-Like cream-white Mass with wavy layered Shelves branching from a common point with banding color, white Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, whitish spores

Shelf or Rosette, somewhat wrinkled bright orange Flat Cap with lighter or yellowish margin, yellow Pore Surface (white or pinkish in *L. cincinnatus*), densely clustered, large to huge size, no Stipe, white spores

Shelf, straw-colored fan or Indulgidiform Cap with radial brown Scales, white Decurrent Pore Surface with angular pores, clustered, large size, lateral white Bulbous Stipe, blackening towards the base in age, white spores

Puffball, button-shaped white Cap with white small conical ornamentations, white Gleba which turns olive in age, scattered, gregarious or clustered, small size, short white Equal Stipe, brown spores

Shelf, bright yellow Convex to Depressed bald Cap, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Agaric, pale blue Convex, Flat or deeply Depressed bald Cap with darker banding, deep indigo Decurrent Close Gills, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, pale blue Stipe, Gills bleed bluish latex, cream spores

Soft Whitish Mass of drooping teeth or spines, Hydroid Fertile Surface, *H. americanum* & *H. coralloides* are branched, medium to large size, white spores

Rosette of Small Shelves, brown to gray bald, Wavy Caps with dark banding, white Pore Surface, single or gregarious, large to huge size, white branched Stipe, white spores



DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA (Cont.)

PEAR SHAPED PUFFBALL

(*Apioperdon pyriforme*)

Grows on Wood & Detritus

Lookalikes: Amanita Eggs, Earthball

Taste: Good

PINKMOTTLE WOODWAX

(*Hygrophorus russula*)

Associates with Oak

Taste: Average

SUMMER OYSTER

(*Pleurotus pulmonarius*)

Grows on Hardwoods - Common

Lookalikes: Hard Wing

Taste: Choice

Puffball, button-shaped off-white Cap with tan Scales, white Gleba which turns brown in age, scattered, gregarious or clustered, small size, short off-white Equal Stipe, brown spores

Agaric, pinkish to brownish bald or finely hairy, Broadly Convex to Flat Cap, white Adnate Close Gills, developing reddish spots in age, scattered, gregarious or in fairy rings, finely hairy whitish to pinkish-brown Equal Stipe, medium size, white spores

Shelf, whitish to beige Convex to Flat bald Cap with fine grooves, wavy in age, semicircular or lung shaped, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

CONIFEROUS FOREST

BAY BOLETE

(*Imberia badia*)

Associates with Pine, Hemlock and Other Conifers

Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes

Taste: Choice

SAFFRON MILK CAP

(*Lactarius thymus*)

Associates with Conifers

Taste: Choice

WEeping MILK CAP

(*Lactifluus volemus*)

Associates with Conifers and Some Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

Bolete, brown smooth Velvety Convex Cap, pale yellow to olive Adnate Pore Surface, single or scattered, medium size, brown wrinkled Equal Stipe with lighter patch at the top, staining yellowish to bluish, olive spores

Agaric, banded pale and bright orange Broadly Convex to Depressed sticky Cap, orange Subdecurrent Close to Distant Gills, scattered to gregarious, medium size, orange to whitish Equal Stipe which bruises red, Gills bleed orange latex, pale yellow spores

Agaric, orange velvety Convex to Depressed Cap, whitish-yellow Decurrent Close Gills, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, pale yellow Equal Stipe, Gills bleed white latex, white spores

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

BLACK TRUMPET

(*Craterellus fallax*, *C. caerulofuscus*)

Associates with Oak, Hemlock, Sphagnum Moss

Taste: Gourmet

CHANTERELLE

(*Cantharellus* sp.)

Associates with Oak, Hickory, Hemlock and other Hardwoods

Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern, False Chanterelle

Taste: Gourmet

Cantharelloid with tube or hole in the Center, dark brown to black Interior Surface, pale gray-brown Decurrent False Gills, scattered or gregarious, small size, very thin and often torn flesh, salmon spores

Cantharelloid, smooth yellow, orange or red Flat, Depressed or Infundibuliform bald Cap with irregular margin, cream to yellowish or orange False Gills, gregarious, small to medium size, white or yellow Equal Stipe, cream, pinkish or yellow spores

CHESTNUT BOLETE

(*Gyroporus borealis*)

Associates with Hardwoods

Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes

Taste: Choice

Bolete, chestnut brown Convex to Flat bald Cap, whitish to cream Adnate Pore Surface, scattered or gregarious, medium size, cream colored smooth Equal Stipe with cottony inside, pale yellow spores

CHROME-FOOTED BOLETE

(*Harrya chromapes*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

Bolete, pale pinkish Convex bald Cap, white Adnexed Pore Surface, single or gregarious, medium to large size, whitish to pinkish Equal Stipe with small pink scabers and bright chrome yellow base, pinkish to cinnamon brown spores



AUGUST





AUGUST (Cont.)

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST (Cont.)

GREEN-QUILTED-BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula parvovirescens*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods, especially Oak
Taste: Choice

HEDGEHOG MUSHROOM

(*Hydnum* sp.)

Associates with Conifers and Hardwoods
Taste: Gourmet

KING BOLETE/CEP/PORCINI

(*Boletus edulis* complex)

Associates with Pine and Spruce, especially Norway Spruce, occasionally Oak
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes, False King Boletus
Taste: Gourmet

LILAC BOLETE

(*Boletus sepiarius*)

Associates with Oak and other Hardwoods, occasionally with Pine
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes, Lilac-Brown Boletus
Taste: Gourmet

LOBSTER MUSHROOM

(*Hypomyces lactifluorum*)

Parasitizes *Lactarius*, *Lactifluus* and *Russula* Mushrooms
Taste: Gourmet

OLD MAN OF THE WOODS

(*Strobilomyces strobilaceus*)

Associates with Hardwoods and Conifers, often Oak and Beech
Taste: Good

SHRIMP BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula xerampelina*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

SNOW FUNGUS

(*Tremella fuciformis*)

Grows on Wood
Lookalikes: White Jelly Fungus
Taste: Good

VARIEGATED BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula cyanoxantha*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

YELLOWFOOT CHANTERELLE

(*Craterellus tubaeformis*)

Associates with Oak, Hemlock, Sphagnum Moss
Lookalikes: False Chanterelle
Taste: Gourmet

Agaric, pale green Convex to Depressed bald Cap with cracking patterns and grooved margin, creamy Close Adnate Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, white smooth Equal Stipe, creamy spores, flesh is brittle

Stem and Cap, smooth tan bald, often waxy and irregular Umbilicate Cap, off-white Subdecurrent to Decurrent Hydroid Fertile Surface, single or gregarious, small size, whitish to tan Equal Stipe, sometimes off-center, white spores

Bolete, golden-brown smooth bald Convex Cap, whitish to yellowish Adnate Pore Surface, single, scattered or gregarious, large to huge size, whitish-brown textured reticulated Club-Shaped Stipe, olive spores

Bolete, lilac brown to reddish Convex Velvety Cap, white to yellow-brown Adnate Pore Surface, gregarious, medium to large size, Equal or Club-Shaped Stipe whitish on top and fading to lilac-red with prominent white reticulation, stains yellow, yellowish-brown spores

Strikingly bright red-orange (very rarely pure white) Mold, uniform in color, Cap of Substrate Mushroom becomes furled and Depressed or Infundibuliform, with Decurrent underside, remnants of Gills are still visible as ridges and flesh becomes firm, white spores

Bolete, greyish Convex Cap with large, thick black Scales, grey to black Adnate Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, shaggy reticulated dark gray Equal Stipe, black spores

Agaric, red to purple bald sticky Broadly Convex Cap, yellowish-cream Adnate Close Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, whitish Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, creamy to orange yellow spores

Jelly, translucent white irregular shape, Smooth Fertile Surface, single, small size, white spores

Agaric, greyish-blue to greyish brown bald Broadly Convex Cap, cream colored Adnate Close Gills, single or gregarious, medium size, short white Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, white spores

Cantharelloid with tube or hole in the Center, brownish yellow viscid Infundibuliform or Umbilicate Cap creamy-yellow Decurrent False Gills, scattered or gregarious, small size, orange-yellow Equal Stipe, white to buff spores



MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST (Cont.)

WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)
Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially Hickory
Taste: Choice

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores



WETLAND AND LOWLAND

YELLOW SWAMP BRITTELEGILLS

(*Russula claraflava*)
Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods, especially Birch and Spruce
Taste: Good

Agaric, bright yellow sticky bald Broadly Convex Cap, cream colored Adnate Close Gills, single or gregarious, medium size, short white Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, orangish-yellow spores



FIELD AND MEADOW

MEADOW MUSHROOM

(*Agaricus campestris*)
Grows on Grass & Detritus
Lookalikes: Yellow Staining Agaricus, Destroying Angel
Taste: Good

Agaric, white silky bald Convex Cap, Adnate deep pink to brown Crowded Free Gills, single, gregarious or in fairy rings, large size, whitish Equal Stipe with white Flaring Ring, brown spores



PARASOL MUSHROOM

(*Macrolepiota procera*)
Grows on Grass and Detritus
Lookalikes: False Parasol
Taste: Choice

Agaric, whitish Convex Cap with a darker center and brown Scales, white Free Close Gills, single or scattered, large size, light colored narrow Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring and browner Scales, white spores



AUGUST (Cont.)



SEPTEMBER

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

BLACK-STAINING-POLYPORE

(*Meripilus sumstinei*)

Grows at the Bases of Hardwoods, especially Oak

Taste: Good

CANDY APPLE BOLETE

(*Exsudoporus frostii*)

Associates with Oaks and other Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

CAULIFLOWER MUSHROOM

(*Sparassis spathulata*, *S. americana*)

Grows at a common point with banding color, white Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, whitish spores

Taste: Choice

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS

(*Laetiporus sulphureus*, *L. cincinnatus*, *L. huroniensis*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Oak (*L. huroniensis* on Conifers)

Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern

Allergic reactions common

Taste: Choice

DRYAD'S SADDLE

(*Cerioporus squamosus*)

Grows on Hardwood, Especially Boxelder and Silver Maple

Taste: Average

GEM STUDDED PUFFBALL

(*Lycoperdon perlatum*)

Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus

Lookalikes: Amanita Eggs

Taste: Good

GOLDEN OYSTER

(*Pleurotus citrinopileatus*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Elm-Common (Invasive)

Taste: Choice

INDIGO MILK CAP

(*Lactarius indigo*)

Associates with Hardwoods, especially Oak, and Pine

Taste: Average

LION'S MANE & RELATIVES

(*Hericium erinaceus*, *H. americanum*, *H. coralloides*)

Grows on Hardwoods, especially Beech

Taste: Gourmet

MAITAKE/HEN OF THE WOODS

(*Grifola frondosa*)

Grows at the Base of Oak, occasionally Maple

Taste: Gourmet

Rosette of Shelves, whitish to yellowish often banded or streaked fan-shaped Caps which brown in age, whitish Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, caps connected by whitish Stipes, stains black, white spores

Bolete, bright red Convex Viscid Cap, dark red Adnate Pore Surface with honey-colored dew droplets, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, red-orange Club-Shaped Stipe with wrinkled, raised netting, bruises blue, olive-brown spores

Cauliflower or Brain-Like cream-white Mass with wavy layered Shelves branching from a common point with banding color, white Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, whitish spores

Shelf or Rosette, somewhat wrinkled bright orange Flat Cap with lighter or yellowish margin, yellow Pore Surface (white or pinkish in *L. cincinnatus*), densely clustered, large to huge size, no Stipe, white spores

Shelf, straw-colored fan or Indublidiform Cap with radial brown Scales, white Decurrent Pore Surface with angular pores, clustered, large size, lateral white Bulbous Stipe, blackening towards the base in age, white spores

Puffball, button-shaped white Cap with white Pinpricks, white Gleba which turns olive in age, scattered, gregarious or clustered, small size, short white Equal Stipe, brown spores

Shelf, bright yellow Convex to Depressed bald Cap, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Equal white Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Agaric, pale blue Convex, Flat or deeply Depressed bald Cap with darker banding, deep indigo Decurrent Close Gills, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, pale blue Equal Stipe, Gills bleed bluish latex, cream spores

Soft Whitish Mass of drooping teeth or spines, Hydroid Fertile Surface, *H. americanum* & *H. coralloides* are branched, medium to large size, white spores

Rosette of Small Shelves, brown to gray bald, Wavy Caps with dark banding, white Pore Surface, single or gregarious, large to huge size, white branched Club-Shaped Stipe, white spores



DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA (Cont.)

PEAR SHAPED PUFFBALL

(*Apioperdon pyriforme*)
Grows on Wood & Detritus
Lookalikes: Amanita Eggs, Earthball
Taste: Good

PINKMOTTLE WOODWAX

(*Hygrophorus russula*)
Associates with Oak
Taste: Average

RESINOUS POLYPORE

(*Ischnoderma resinosum*)
Grows on Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

SHRIMP OF THE WOODS

(*Entoloma abortivum*)
Associates with Hardwoods or Parasitizes Armillaria mushrooms
Lookalikes: Toxic Pinkgills (for Agaric morph)
Taste: Choice

SUMMER OYSTER

(*Pleurotus pulmonarius*)
Grows on Hardwoods - Common
Lookalikes: Angel Wing
Taste: Choice

WOOD BLEWIT

(*Collybia nuda*)
Grows on Leaf Litter and other Organic Debris
Lookalikes: Webcaps
Taste: Good

CONIFEROUS FOREST

BAY BOLETE

(*Imleria badia*)
Associates with Pine, Hemlock and Other Conifers
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes
Taste: Choice

SAFFRON MILK CAP

(*Lactarius thymus*)
Associates with Conifers
Taste: Choice

SLIPPERY JACK

(*Suillus luteus*)
Associates with Pine, Spruce
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes
Taste: Good

WEeping MILK CAP

(*Lactifluus volemus*)
Associates with Conifers and Some Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

Puffball, button-shaped off-white Cap with tan Scales, white Gleba which turns brown in age, scattered, gregarious or clustered, small size, short off-white Equal Stipe, brown spores

Agaric, pinkish to brownish bald or finely hairy, Broadly Convex to Flat Cap, white Adnate Close Gills, developing reddish spots in age, scattered, gregarious or in fairy rings, finely hairy whitish to pinkish-brown Equal Stipe, medium size, white spores

Shelf, reddish-brown Broadly Convex Velvety Cap with pale margin, becomes banded and woody with age, white to brownish pore surface in age, gregarious, large size, adorned with red to yellow water droplets in moist weather, white spores

Brain-Like lumpy mass, white or stained white color, no visible Fertile Surface, single or gregarious, small to medium size, can also grow as a white Agaric with bald Convex Cap and off-white Subdecurrent Gills and Equal Stipe, pink spores

Shelf, whitish to beige Convex to Flat bald Cap with fine grooves, wavy in age, semicircular or lung shaped, Decurrent white Close Gills, small Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores

Agaric, lilac to brown Broadly Convex bald Cap with translucent Margin; wavy in age, Emarginate lilac Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, Bulbous Stipe thick and hairy, with lilac to buff Mycelium, buff spores

Bolete, brown smooth Velvety Convex Cap, pale yellow to olive Adnate Pore Surface, single or scattered, medium size, brown wrinkled Equal Stipe with lighter patch at the top, staining yellowish to bluish, olive spores

Agaric, banded pale and bright orange Broadly Convex to Depressed sticky Cap, orange Subdecurrent Close to Distant Gills, scattered to gregarious, medium size, orange to whitish Equal Stipe which bruises red, Gills bleed orange latex, pale yellow spores

Bolete, dark reddish brown slimy Convex Cap with slightly lighter margin, yellow Adnate or Subdecurrent Pore Surface, clustered or gregarious, medium size, whitish to yellowish Equal Stipe with dots and white Flaring Ring that fades to purplish tones, brown spores

Agaric, orange velvety Convex to Depressed Cap, whitish-yellow Decurrent Close Gills, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, pale yellow Equal Stipe, Gills bleed white latex



SEPTEMBER

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST (Cont.)

OLD MAN OF THE WOODS

(*Strobilomyces strobilaceus*)

Associates with Hardwoods and Conifers, often Oak and Beech

Taste: Good

Bolete, greyish Convex Cap with large, thick black Scales, grey to black Adnate Pore Surface, single, medium to large size, shaggy reticulated dark gray Equal Stipe, black spores



SHRIMP BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula xerampelina*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

Agaric, red to purple bald sticky Broadly Convex Cap, yellowish-cream Adnate Close Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, whitish Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, creamy to orange yellow spores



SNOW FUNGUS

(*Tremella fuciformis*)

Grows on Wood

Lookalikes: White Jelly Fungus

Taste: Good

Jelly, translucent white irregular shape, Smooth Fertile Surface, single, small size, white spores



VARIEGATED BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula cyanoxantha*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

Agaric, greyish-blue to greyish brown bald Broadly Convex Cap, cream colored Adnate Close Gills, single or gregarious, medium size, short white Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, white spores



YELLOWFOOT CHANTERELLE

(*Craterellus tubaeformis*)

Associates with Oak, Hemlock, Sphagnum Moss

Lookalikes: False Chanterelle

Taste: Gourmet

Cantharelloid with tube or hole in the Center, brownish yellow viscid Infundibuliform or Umbilicate Cap creamy-yellow Decurrent False Gills, scattered or gregarious, small size, orange-yellow Equal Stipe, white to buff spores



WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)

Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially Hickory

Taste: Choice

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores



WETLAND AND LOWLAND

YELLOW SWAMP BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula claroflava*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods, especially Birch and Spruce

Taste: Good

Agaric, bright yellow sticky bald Broadly Convex Cap, cream colored Adnate Close Gills, single or gregarious, medium size, short white Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, orangish-yellow spores



FIELD AND MEADOW

GIANT PUFFBALL

(*Calvatia gigantea*)

Grows on Grass or Detritus

Taste: Average

Puffball, massive near-spherical or ovoid white globe, white Gleba which turns olive-brown in age (becoming inedible), single, scattered or gregarious, huge size, olive spores



MEADOW MUSHROOM

(*Agaricus campestris*)

Grows on Grass & Detritus

Lookalikes: Yellow Staining Agaricus,

Destroying Angel

Taste: Good

Agaric, white silky bald Convex Cap, Adnate deep pink to brown Crowded Free Gills, single, gregarious or in fairy rings, large size, whitish Equal Stipe with white Flaring Ring, brown spores



PARASOL MUSHROOM

(*Macrolepiota procera*)

Grows on Grass and Detritus

Lookalikes: False Parasol

Taste: Choice

Agaric, whitish Convex Cap with a darker center and brown Scales, white Free Close Gills, single or scattered, large size, light colored narrow Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring and browner Scales, white spores



SEPTEMBER (Cont.)



SEPTEMBER (Cont.)

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

BLACK TRUMPET

(*Craterellus fallax*, *C. caerulofuscus*)
Associates with Oak, Hemlock, Sphagnum
Moss
Taste: Gourmet

CHANTERELLE

(*Cantharellus* sp.)
Associates with Oak, Hickory, Hemlock and
other Hardwoods.
Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern, False Chanterelle
Taste: Gourmet

CHESTNUT BOLETE

(*Gyroporus borealis*)
Associates with Hardwoods
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes
Taste: Choice

CHROME-FOOTED BOLETE

(*Harrya chromapes*)
Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

GREEN-QUILTED-BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula parvovirescens*)
Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods,
especially Oak
Taste: Choice

HEDGEHOG MUSHROOM

(*Hydnum* sp.)
Associates with Conifers and Hardwoods
Taste: Gourmet

HONEY FUNGUS

(*Armillaria* sp.)
Grows on Wood, Near or on Dead and Dying
Trees
Lookalikes: Deadly Galerina
Allergic reactions common
Taste: Good

KING BOLETE/CEP/PORCINI

(*Boletus edulis* complex)
Associates with Pine and Spruce, especially Norway
Spruce, occasionally Oak
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes, False King Boletus
Taste: Gourmet

LILAC BOLETE

(*Boletus separans*)
(Associates with Oak and other Hardwoods,
occasionally with Pine
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes, Lilac-Brown Boletus
Taste: Gourmet

LOBSTER MUSHROOM

(*Hypomyces lactifluorum*)
Parasitizes *Lactarius*, *Lactifluus* and *Russula*
Mushrooms
Taste: Gourmet

Cantharelloid with tube or hole in the
Center, dark brown to black Interior
Surface, pale gray-brown Decurrent False
Gills, scattered or gregarious, small size,
very thin and often torn flesh, salmon
spores

Cantharelloid, smooth yellow, orange or
red Flat, Depressed or Infundibuliform bald
Cap with irregular margin, cream to
yellowish or orange False Gills, gregarious,
small to medium size, white or yellow
Equal Stipe, cream, pinkish or yellow
spores

Bolete, chestnut brown Convex to Flat
bald Cap, whitish to cream Adnate Pore
Surface, scattered or gregarious, medium
size, cream colored smooth Equal Stipe
with cottony inside, pale yellow spores

Bolete, pale pinkish Convex bald Cap,
white Adnexed Pore Surface, single or
gregarious, medium to large size, whitish
to pinkish Equal Stipe with small pink
scabers and bright chrome yellow base,
pinkish to cinnamon brown spores

Agaric, pale green Convex to Depressed
bald Cap with cracking patterns and
grooved margin, creamy Close Adnate
Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size,
white smooth Equal Stipe, creamy spores,
flesh is brittle

Stem and Cap, smooth tan bald, often
waxy and irregular Umbilicate Cap,
off-white Subdecurrent to Decurrent
Hydnoid Fertile Surface, single or
gregarious, small size, whitish to tan Equal
Stipe, sometimes off-center, white spores

Agaric, tan or honey-colored Broadly
Convex Cap with tiny black hairs in the
center and faint brown Scales, white
Adnate or Subdecurrent Distant Gills,
densely clustered or gregarious, medium
to large size, scaly whitish Equal Stipe with
white Flaring Ring (except *Desarmillaria*
caespitosa) and sometimes black Rhizoids,
white spores

Bolete, golden-brown smooth bald Convex
Cap, whitish to yellowish Adnate Pore
Surface, single, scattered or gregarious,
large to huge size, whitish-brown textured
Club-Shaped Stipe, olive spores

Bolete, lilac brown to reddish Convex
Velvety Cap, white to yellow-brown Adnate
Pore Surface, gregarious, medium to large
size, Equal or Club-Shaped Stipe whitish
on top and fading to lilac-red with
prominent white reticulation, stains
yellow, yellowish-brown spores

Strikingly bright red-orange (very rarely
pure white) Mold, uniform in color, Cap of
Substrate Mushroom becomes furled and
Depressed or Infundibuliform, with
Decurrent underside, remnants of Gills are
still visible as ridges and flesh becomes
firm, white spores





OCTOBER

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

BRICK CAP

(*Hypholoma lateritium*)
Grows on Hardwood
Lookalikes: Sulfur Tuft, Deadly Galerina
Taste: Average

CAULIFLOWER MUSHROOM

(*Sparassia spatulata*, *S. americana*)
Grows at the Bases of Oaks & Other
Hardwoods, Occasionally Conifers
Taste: Choice

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS

(*Laetiporus sulphureus*, *L. cincinnatus*, *L. huroniensis*)
Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Oak (*L. huroniensis* on Conifers)
Lookalikes: Jack o Lantern
Allergic reactions common
Taste: Choice

COMMON OYSTER

(*Pleurotus ostreatus*)
Grows Primarily on Hardwoods - Common
Taste: Choice

DRYAD'S SADDLE

(*Cerioporus squamosus*)
Grows on Hardwood, Especially Boxelder
and Silver Maple
Taste: Average

ENOKI

(*Flammulina velutipes*)
Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Elm, Poplar
Lookalikes: Deadly Galerina
Taste: Gourmet

GEM STUDD PUFFBALL

(*Lycoperdon perlatum*)
Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus
Lookalikes: Amanita Eggs
Taste: Good

INDIGO MILK CAP

(*Loctarius indigo*)
Associates with Hardwoods, especially Oak,
and Pine
Taste: Average

LION'S MANE & RELATIVES

(*Hericium erinaceus*, *H. americanum*, *H. coralloides*)
Grows on Hardwoods, especially Beech
Taste: Gourmet

MAITAKE/HEN OF THE WOODS

(*Grifola frondosa*)
Grows at the Base of Oak, occasionally Maple
Taste: Gourmet

Agaric, brick-colored Broadly Convex bald
Cap with faded margin, Adnate yellow
Close Gills; turn purple-gray in age,
densely clustered, small size, Equal Stipe
whitish on top, fading to reddish below,
faint Ring Zone, purple spores

Cauliflower or Brain-Like cream-white
Mass with wavy layered Shelves branching
from a common point with banding color,
white Pore Surface, single, medium to
large size, whitish spores

Shelf or Rosette, somewhat wrinkled
bright orange Flat Cap with lighter or
yellowish margin, yellow Pore Surface
(white or pinkish in *L. cincinnatus*), densely
clustered, large to huge size, no Stipe,
white spores

Shelf, gray-brown Convex to Flat bald Cap,
Decurrent white Close Gills, rudimentary
Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium
size, white spores

Shelf, straw-colored fan or Indublidiform
Cap with radial brown Scales, white
Decurrent Pore Surface with angular
pores, clustered, large size, lateral white
Bulbous Stipe, blackening towards the
base in age, white spores

Agaric, orange to brown Convex sticky
bald Cap, Adnate off-white Close Gills,
densely clustered, small size, tough pale
yellow Equal Stipe with dark velvet nearer
to the base, white spores

Puffball, button-shaped white Cap with
white Pinpricks, white Gleba which turns
olive in age, scattered, gregarious or
clustered, small size, short white Equal
Stipe, brown spores

Agaric, pale blue Convex, Flat or deeply
Depressed bald Cap with darker banding,
deep indigo Decurrent Close Gills, single,
scattered or gregarious, medium size, pale
blue Equal Stipe, Gills bleed bluish latex,
cream spores

Soft Whitish Mass of drooping teeth or
spines, Hydroid Fertile Surface, *H. americanum* & *H. coralloides* are branched,
medium to large size, white spores

Rosette of Small Shelves, brown to gray
bald, Wavy Caps with dark banding, white
Pore Surface, single or gregarious, large to
huge size, white branched Club-Shaped
Stipe, white spores



DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA (Cont.)

MICA CAP

(*Coprinellus micocens*)

Grows on Decaying Wood

Lookalikes: Scaly Ink Cap, Common Ink,

Deadly Galerina

Taste: Average

PEAR SHAPED PUFFBALL

(*Apioperdon pyriforme*)

Grows on Wood & Detritus

Lookalikes: Amanita Eggs, Earthball

Taste: Good

PINKMOTTLE WOODWAX

(*Hygrophorus russula*)

Associates with Oak

Taste: Average

RESINOUS POLYPORE

(*Resinoderma resinosum*)

Grows on Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

SHRIMP OF THE WOODS

(*Entoloma abortivum*)

Associates with Hardwoods or Parasitizes

Armillaria mushrooms

Lookalikes: Toxic Pinkgills (for Agaric morph)

Taste: Choice

WOOD BLEWIT

(*Collybia nuda*)

Grows on Leaf Litter and other Organic

Debris

Lookalikes: Webcaps

Taste: Good

CONIFEROUS FOREST

BAY BOLETE

(*Imleria badia*)

Associates with Pine, Hemlock and Other

Conifers

Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes

Taste: Choice

SAFFRON MILK CAP

(*Lactarius thymus*)

Associates with Conifers

Taste: Choice

SLIPPERY JACK

(*Sluillus luteus*)

Associates with Pine, Spruce

Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes

Taste: Good

WEeping MILK CAP

(*Lactifluus volemus*)

Associates with Conifers and Some

Hardwoods

Taste: Choice

Agaric, tawny Ovate Cap with specular granules and grooved, sometimes tattered or inky margin, dark brown to black Free Gills, deliquescent m, densely clustered, small size, white hollow Equal Stipe, black spores. Use caution when consuming with alcohol

Puffball, button-shaped off-white Cap with tan Scales, white Gleba which turns brown in age, scattered, gregarious or clustered, small size, short off-white Equal Stipe, brown spores

Agaric, pinkish to brownish bald or finely hairy, Broadly Convex to Flat Cap, white Adnate Close Gills, developing reddish spots in age, scattered, gregarious or in fairy rings, finely hairy whitish to pinkish-brown Equal Stipe, medium size, white spores

Shelf, reddish-brown Broadly Convex Velvety Cap with pale margin, becomes banded and woody with age, white to brownish pore surface in age, gregarious, large size, adorned with red to yellow water droplets in moist weather, white spores

Brain-Like lumpy mass, white or stained white color, no visible Fertile Surface, single or gregarious, small to medium size, can also grow as a white Agaric with bald Convex Cap and off-white Subdecurrent Gills and Equal Stipe, pink spores

Agaric, lilac to brown Broadly Convex bald Cap with translucent Margin; wavy in age, Emarginate lilac Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, Bulbous Stipe thick and hairy, with lilac to buff Mycelium, buff spores

Bolete, brown smooth Velvety Convex Cap, pale yellow to olive Adnate Pore Surface, single or scattered, medium size, brown wrinkled Equal Stipe with lighter patch at the top, staining yellowish to bluish, olive spores

Agaric, banded pale and bright orange Broadly Convex to Depressed sticky Cap, orange Subdecurrent Close to Distant Gills, scattered to gregarious, medium size, orange to whitish Equal Stipe which bruises red, Gills bleed orange latex, pale yellow spores

Bolete, dark reddish brown slimy Convex Cap with slightly lighter margin, yellow Adnate or Subdecurrent Pore Surface, clustered or gregarious, medium size, whitish to yellowish Equal Stipe with dots and white Flaring Ring that fades to purplish tones, brown spores

Agaric, orange velvety Convex to Depressed Cap, whitish-yellow Decurrent Close Gills, single, scattered or gregarious, medium size, pale yellow Equal Stipe, Gills bleed white latex, white spores



OCTOBER





OCTOBER (Cont.)

MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

CHESTNUT BOLETE

(*Gyroporus borealis*)
Associates with Hardwoods
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes
Taste: Choice

CHROME-FOOTED BOLETE

(*Harrya chromapes*)
Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

HEDGEHOG MUSHROOM

(*Hydnum* sp.)
Associates with Conifers and Hardwoods
Taste: Gourmet

HONEY FUNGUS

(*Armillaria* sp.)
Grows on Wood, Near or on Dead and Dying Trees
Lookalikes: Deadly Galerina
Allergic reactions common
Taste: Good

KING BOLETE/CEP/PORCINI

(*Boletus edulis* complex)
Associates with Pine and Spruce, especially Norway Spruce, occasionally Oak
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes, False King Bolete
Taste: Gourmet

LILAC BOLETE

(*Boletus sepioides*)
(Associates with Oak and other Hardwoods, occasionally with Pine)
Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes, Lilac-Brown Bolete
Taste: Gourmet

LOBSTER MUSHROOM

(*Hypomyces lactifluorum*)
Parasitizes *Lactarius*, *Lactifluus* and *Russula* Mushrooms
Taste: Gourmet

SHRIMP BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula xerampelina*)
Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

SNOW FUNGUS

(*Tremella fuciformis*)
Grows on Wood
Lookalikes: White Jelly Fungus
Taste: Good

VARIEGATED BRITTLEGILLS

(*Russula cyanoxantha*)
Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods
Taste: Choice

Bolete, chestnut brown Convex to Flat bald Cap, whitish to cream Adnate Pore Surface, scattered or gregarious, medium size, cream colored smooth Equal Stipe with cottony inside, pale yellow spores



Bolete, pale pinkish Convex bald Cap, white Adnexed Pore Surface, single or gregarious, medium to large size, whitish to pinkish Equal Stipe with small pink scabers and bright chrome yellow base, pinkish to cinnamon brown spores



Stem and Cap, smooth tan bald, often waxy and irregular Umbilicate Cap, off-white Subdecurrent to Decurrent Hydroid Fertile Surface, single or gregarious, small size, whitish to tan Equal Stipe, sometimes off-center, white spores



Agaric, tan or honey-colored Broadly Convex Cap with tiny black hairs in the center and faint brown Scales. White Adnate or Subdecurrent Distant Gills, clustered or gregarious, medium to large size, scaly whitish Equal Stipe with white Flaring Ring (except *Desarmillaria caespitosa*) and sometimes black Rhizoids, white spores



Bolete, golden-brown smooth bald Convex Cap, whitish to yellowish Adnate Pore Surface, single, scattered or gregarious, large to huge size, whitish-brown textured Club-Shaped Stipe, olive spores



Bolete, lilac brown to reddish Convex Velvety Cap, white to yellow-brown Adnate Pore Surface, gregarious, medium to large size, Equal or Club-Shaped Stipe whitish on top and fading to lilac-red with prominent white reticulation, stains yellow, yellowish-brown spores



Strikingly bright red-orange (very rarely pure white) Mold, uniform in color, Cap of Substrate Mushroom becomes furled and Depressed or Infundibuliform, with Decurrent underside, remnants of Gills are still visible as ridges and flesh becomes firm, white spores



Agaric, red to purple bald sticky Broadly Convex Cap, yellowish-cream Adnate Close Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, whitish Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, creamy to orange yellow spores



Jelly, translucent white irregular shape, Smooth Fertile Surface, single, small size, white spores



Agaric, greyish-blue to greyish brown bald Broadly Convex Cap, cream colored Adnate Close Gills, single or gregarious, medium size, short white Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, white spores



MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST (Cont.)

YELLOWFOOT CHANTERELLE

(*Craterellus tubaeformis*)

Associates with Oak, Hemlock, Sphagnum Moss

Lookalikes: False Chanterelle

Taste: Gourmet

WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)

Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially Hickory

Taste: Choice

WETLAND AND LOWLAND

YELLOW SWAMP BRITTLLEGILLS

(*Russula claroflava*)

Associates with Conifers & Hardwoods, especially Birch and Spruce

Taste: Good

FIELD AND MEADOW

GIANT PUFFBALL

(*Calvatia gigantea*)

Grows on Grass or Detritus

Taste: Average

MEADOW MUSHROOM

(*Agaricus campestris*)

Grows on Grass & Detritus

Lookalikes: Yellow Staining Agaricus,

Destroying Angel

Taste: Good

PARASOL MUSHROOM

(*Macrolepiota procera*)

Grows on Grass and Detritus

Lookalikes: False Parasol

Taste: Choice

SHAGGY MANE

(*Coprinus comatus*)

Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus

Taste: Choice

WINE CAP

(*Stropharia rugosoannulata*)

Grows on Detritus

Taste: Good

Cantharelloid with tube or hole in the Center, brownish yellow viscid Infundibuliform or Umbilicate Cap creamy-yellow Decurrent False Gills, scattered or gregarious, small size, orange-yellow Equal Stipe, white to buff spores

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores

Agaric, bright yellow sticky bald Broadly Convex Cap, cream colored Adnate Close Gills, single or gregarious, medium size, short white Equal Stipe, flesh is brittle, orangish-yellow spores

Puffball, massive near-spherical or egg-shaped white globe, white Gleba which turns olive-brown in age (becoming inedible), single, scattered or gregarious, huge size, olive spores

Agaric, white silky bald Convex Cap, Adnate deep pink to brown Crowded Free Gills, single, gregarious or in fairy rings, large size, whitish Equal Stipe with white Flaring Ring, brown spore

Agaric, whitish Convex Cap with a darker center and brown Scales, white Free Close Gills, single or scattered, large size, light colored narrow Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring and browner Scales, white spores

Agaric, white Campanulate Cap (Cylindrical when young) with white fluffy Scales and brownish center, edges turn tattered and inky in age, black Free Crowded Gills, deliquescent, gregarious or scattered, medium size, white hollow Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring, black spores

Agaric, red wine-colored Convex to Flat bald Cap, whitish Adnate Close Gills which become dark purplish in age, gregarious, medium to large size, whitish Equal Stipe with thick, grooved Flaring Ring



OCTOBER (Cont.)



NOVEMBER

DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

BRICK CAP

(*Hypholoma lateritium*)

Grows on Hardwood

Lookalikes: Sulfur Tuft, Deadly Galerina

Taste: Average

Agaric, brick-colored Broadly Convex bald Cap with faded margin, Adnate yellow Close Gills; turn purple-gray in age, densely clustered, small size. Equal Stipe whitish on top, fading to reddish below, faint Ring Zone, purple spores



COMMON OYSTER

(*Pleurotus ostreatus*)

Grows Primarily on Hardwoods - Common

Taste: Choice

Shelf, gray-brown Convex to Flat bald Cap, Decurrent white Close Gills, rudimentary Club-Shaped Stipe, clustered, medium size, white spores



ENOKI

(*Flammulina velutipes*)

Grows on Hardwoods, Especially Elm, Poplar

Lookalikes: Deadly Galerina

Taste: Gourmet

Agaric, orange to brown Convex sticky bald Cap, Adnate off-white Close Gills, densely clustered, small size, tough pale yellow Equal Stipe with dark velvet nearer to the base, white spores



LION'S MANE & RELATIVES

(*Hericium erinaceus*, *H. americanum*, *H. coralloides*)

Grows on Hardwoods

Taste: Gourmet

Soft Whitish Mass of drooping teeth or spines, Hydroid Fertile Surface, *H. americanum* & *H. coralloides* are branched, medium to large size, white spores



MAITAKE/HEN OF THE WOODS

(*Grifola frondosa*)

Grows at the Base of Oak, occasionally Maple

Taste: Gourmet

Rosette of Small Shelves, brown to gray bald, Wavy Caps with dark banding, white Pore Surface, single or gregarious, large to huge size, white branched Stipe, white spores



WOOD BLEWIT

(*Collybia nuda*)

Grows on Leaf Litter and other Organic Debris

Lookalikes: Webcaps

Taste: Good

Agaric, lilac to brown Broadly Convex bald Cap with translucent Margin; wavy in age, Emarginate lilac Gills, scattered or gregarious, medium size, Bulbous Stipe thick and hairy, enlarged at the base with lilac to buff Mycelium, buff spores



CONIFEROUS FOREST

SLIPPERY JACK

(*Suillus luteus*)

Associates with Pine, Spruce

Lookalikes: Bitter Boletes

Taste: Good

Bolete, dark reddish brown slimy Convex Cap with slightly lighter margin, yellow Adnate or Subdecurrent Pore Surface, clustered or gregarious, medium size, whitish to yellowish Equal Stipe with dots and white Flaring Ring that fades to purplish tones, brown spores



MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

WOOD EAR

(*Auricularia angiospermarum*, *A. americanum*)

Grows on Conifers and Hardwoods, Especially Hickory

Taste: Choice

Cup shaped Jelly, dark brown to purplish wavy and irregular shape, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, single or clustered, small to medium size, attached to substrate in middle, white spores



FIELD AND MEADOW

SHAGGY MANE

(*Coprinus comatus*)

Grows on Grass, Wood & Detritus

Taste: Choice

Agaric, white Campanulate Cap (Cylindrical when young) with white fluffy Scales and brownish center, edges turn tattered and inky in age, black Free Crowded Gills, deliquescent, gregarious or scattered, medium size, white hollow Equal Stipe with Flaring Ring, black spores





LOOKALIKES



DECIDUOUS FOREST AND SAVANNA

DEADLY GALERINA/FUNERAL BELL

(*Galerina marginata*)

Grows on Wood. Season: Year Round, Common in Spring, Fall

Toxicity: Deadly (causes liver and kidney failure)

Agaric, orange-brown bald Convex Cap sometimes with a lighter or darker spot in the middle, rusty brown Subdecurrent Close Gills, Equal hollow yellow-brownish Stipe with brown Flaring Ring or Ring Zone, clustered or gregarious, small size, rusty brown spores



JACK O LANTERN

(*Omphalotus illudens*)

Grows on Hardwood. Season: July-October

Toxicity: Nausea, Vomiting

Agaric, bright orange bald Broadly Convex to Infundibuliform Cap, orange Decurrent Crowded Gills, densely clustered, medium to large size, paler orange roughly Equal Stipe, cream-yellow spores



SULFUR TUFT

(*Hypholoma fasciculare*)

Grows on Hardwoods. Season: May-November

Toxicity: Nausea, Vomiting

Agaric, sulfur-yellow Broadly Convex Cap with darker center, Adnate greenish Close Gills; turn purple-gray in age, densely clustered, small size, bright yellow to twamy Equal Stipe, faint Ring Zone, purple spores. Bitter metallic taste.



WHITE JELLY FUNGUS

(*Ductifera pululahuana*)

Grows on Hardwoods

Toxicity: Nonpoisonous but unpalatable

Jelly, dirty white wavy and irregular shape, opaque flesh, Smooth gelatinous Fertile Surface, clustered, small to medium size, white spores



CONIFEROUS FOREST

ANGEL WING

(*Pleurocybella porrigens*)

Grows on Conifers

Toxicity: Generally Nonpoisonous & considered edible and good, however cases of sometimes fatal poisonings have occurred in Europe and Asia (none in North America) in persons with preexisting conditions. Eat with caution.

Shelf, pure white Convex to Flat or Infundibuliform bald Cap with thin flesh, Decurrent white Distant Gills, no Stipe, loosely clustered, medium size, white spores



FALSE CHANTERELLE

(*Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca*)

Grows on Detritus, often around Conifers

Toxicity: Digestive Issues, but occasionally considered edible

Agaric, brown or orange velvety, Convex to Depressed Cap, pale to bright orange Decurrent forked Crowded Gills, single, scattered, or gregarious, large to huge size, Equal velvety Stipe colored like the cap, white spores



FALSE KING BOLETE

(*Boletus huranensis*)

Associates with Hemlock. Season:

July-September

Toxicity: Nausea, Vomiting

Bolete, pale brown smooth bald Convex Cap, yellowish Adnate Pore Surface, single, scattered or gregarious, large size, whitish Club-Shaped Stipe with pale tan 'tide mark', bruises blue, olive spores



MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST

AMANITA EGGS

(*Amanita* sp.)

Associates with Hardwoods and Conifers.

Season: May-November

Toxicity: depends on species, can be Deadly

The immature form of mushrooms of the genus *Amanita*. Usually white smooth or textured egg-shaped bulb with button Agaric inside. If unsure, cut in half and discard if small mushroom is present



BITTER BOLETES

(*Tylopilus* sp.)

Associates with Hardwoods and Conifers.

Season: depends on species; Summer-Fall

Toxicity: Nonpoisonous, Extremely Bitter, some species edible or choice edible.

Genus of Boletes. Bitter Boletes often have bald Convex brownish Caps, pale Adnate Pore Surfaces, stout Equal to Club-Shaped Stipes and pink or buff spores. Not all *Tylopilus* share these features or are bitter. Take a small bite and spit out to identify bitter taste.



DESTROYING ANGEL

(*Amanita bisporigera*)

Associates with Conifers and Hardwoods,

Especially Oak. Season: June-October

Toxicity: Deadly (causes liver and kidney failure). Deadliest mushroom in North America

Agaric, pure white Convex to Broadly Convex bald Cap, off-white Free Crowded Gills, single, medium size, pure white Equal to Club-Shaped Stipe with white Pendant Ring and Volva, white spores



MIXED OR DIVERSE FOREST (Cont.)

EARTHBALL

(*Scleroderma citrinum*)

Associates with Hardwoods and Conifers.

Season: July-October

Toxicity: Gastric Upset, Conjunctivitis



LILAC BROWN BOLETE

(*Sutorius eximius*)

Associates with Conifers and Hardwoods, especially Oak, Pine, Spruce and Hemlock.

Season: June-September

Toxicity: Gastric Upset In many people

Puffball, button-shaped buff-yellow cracking Cap with brown Scales, black Gleba, single or scattered, small size, little to no Stipe, blackish spores



TOXIC PINKGILLS

(*Entoloma* sp.)

Grows on Detritus or Associates with

Hardwoods. Season: Depends on species;

Summer-Fall

Toxicity: depends on species. Nausea,

Vomiting

Genus of Agarics. Pinkgills often have sticky or bald Convex or Conic Caps of a wide variety of colors (white, orange, green, etc.), Adnate or Decurrent Distant Gills, Equal Stipes and rusty brown spores. A few *Entoloma* are edible, but many are highly toxic so consumption is not recommended except in particular cases.



WEBCAPS

(*Cortinarius* sp.)

Associates with Conifers and Hardwoods.

Season: depends on species; Summer-Fall

Toxicity: depends on species, can be Deadly

Genus of Agarics. Webcaps often have slimy or silky Convex, Campanulae or Umbonate Caps of a wide variety of colors (brown, orange, purple, etc.), Adnate Close Gills, Equal Stipes and rusty brown spores. All species contain a Cortina.



WETLAND AND LOWLAND

FALSE MOREL

(*Gyromitra* sp. & Allies)

Associates with Conifers and Hardwoods,

Season: April-June

Toxicity: Gastric & Neurological Distress, can be Deadly due to liver failure. Edible and choice if properly prepared. Strongly not recommended

EARLY MOREL

(*Verpa bohemica*, *V. conica*)

Associates with Hardwoods and Conifers.

Season: April-May

Toxicity: Generally edible when cooked and choice (toxic raw - Gastric Upset and Loss of Coordination). Allergic reactions are significantly more common than in true morels. Not recommended

Sac Fungus, globose reddish-brown, black or dark brown pitted Cap and blunt ridges, somewhat solid interior with cavities, Cap is attached to stipe, scattered, medium size, white Club-Shaped solid Stipe, whitish spores. Solidity/porosity of the Stipe is best method of identification



FIELD AND MEADOW

COMMON INKY

(*Coprinopsis atramentaria*)

Grows on Wood and Detritus, including Buried Wood. Season: October-June

Toxicity: Illness with Alcohol, Possibly Carcinogenic, but generally Nonpoisonous when consumed sober, often listed as edible.

Agaric, gray brown bald Conical-Convex Cap with tattered, slightly grooved margin, whitish to black Free Crowded Gills, clustered, medium size, white hollow Equal Stipe, black spores. DO NOT CONSUME WITH ALCOHOL



FALSE PARASOL

(*Chlorophyllum molybdites*)

Grows on Grass & Detritus. Season:

August-October

Toxicity: Nausea, Vomiting. Responsible for the highest number of mushroom poisonings worldwide.

Agaric, whitish to pale tan Convex Cap with a brown Scales, concentrated to the center, greenish Free Crowded Gills, single, scattered, or gregarious, often in fairy rings, large size, white to brownish narrow Equal Stipe with Flaring white Ring with a greenish lower edge, green spores



YELLOW STAINING AGARICUS

(*Agaricus xanthodermus*)

Grows on Grass & Detritus. Season:

June-October

Toxicity: Gastric Upset, Sweating

Agaric, white bald Convex Cap with scales in age, sometimes brownish towards the center. Adnate pinkish to brownish Close Free Gills with patches of yellow tissue, single, or in fairy rings, large size, white Bulbous Stipe with white thick Flaring Ring, bruises yellow, brown spores



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