

October Fungi Spotter's Sheet



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Amethyst Deceiver STAR FIND *
Laccaria amethystea

Also known as the Red Cabbage Fungus, this deep violet mushroom makes a magical sight. It grows in groups.

Where to find it:
Various types of woodland.



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Fairy Ring Mushroom
Marasmius oreades

The source of the fabled fairy rings. It was once thought they grew in the tracks of dancing imps who then sat on them to rest.

Where to find it:
In rings on grassland.



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Common Puffball
Lycoperdon perlatum

When ripe a touch as light as a raindrop can cause them to explode & thus spread their spores. Also known as Devil's Snuffbox.

Where to find it:
Various types of woodland.



Fly Agaric
Amanita muscaria

Used since the Middle Ages to get rid of flies (it contains a mild insecticide), this is the archetypal toadstool of fairytales.

Where to find it:
Beneath pine & birch trees.



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Cauliflower Fungus
Sparassis crispa

Also known as the Brain Fungus, it can sometimes grow as big as a football. This parasitic mushroom has a preference for pines.

Where to find it:
Pine stumps & trunk bases.



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Giant Puffball
Calvatia gigantea

With over 7 trillion spores in a single fruitbody, this fungus is one of the largest in the world. Its also the source of a cancer drug.

Where to find it:
Parks & grassy places.



Chicken-of-the-Woods
Laetiporus sulphureus

A distinctive bright orange bracket fungus. As it ages it fades & becomes crumbly. Although parasitic, its hosts can live many years.

Where to find it:
Bases of dead & dying trees.



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Lemon Disco
Bisporella citrina

Also known as Yellow Fairy Cups. The tiny discs of this groovy fungus often appear on wood that has lost its bark.

Where to find it:
Decaying wood.



Earth tongues
Geoglossaceae species

Say "aahh..." These fungi are aptly named, appearing like the tongue of some hidden beast lying beneath the earth.

Where to find them:
Grassy places.



Sulphur Tuft
Hypholoma fasciculare

This brimstone-hued toadstool grows in such crowded clumps that their caps often squash into each other.

Where to find it:
Rotting wood & stumps.

REMEMBER: Fungi can be deadly poisonous. This sheet should not be used to identify edible fungi.

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