

Fungus Identification Guide

Fungi love growing in cool, damp conditions, so Autumn is the perfect time to go exploring! Fungi are incredibly important for habitats and biodiversity, providing us with food and medicine, and even helping trees to grow by allowing them to communicate with each other! The word "fungi" includes mushrooms (or toadstools), moulds and yeasts.



Common Inkcap



Fly Agaric



Shaggy Parasol

Look down

Are there mushrooms bursting from fallen or rotting logs?

Or a fairy ring of mushrooms growing in the grass?

Check woodchip piles for fungi too!



Jelly Ear



Scarlet Elf Cup



Turkeytail



Common Puffball

Look up

Can you spot any bracket fungus growing on trees?

Or toadstools growing on trees with dead or dying branches?



King Alfred's Cakes



Birch Polypore



Hoof Fungus



Top tip:

Some fungi can be extremely dangerous so please don't touch, pick or eat any of the mushrooms or toadstools you find. Even experts mix up their mushrooms!