

Some Fungi found on Nuthurst Society's Fungus Foray 18 October 2009 in Cook's Copse

English name	Botanical name	Forager's notes	Edibility
Amethyst Deceiver	<i>Laccaria amethysta</i>	Just one found on a stump near the Beech Galde	Yes
Beech Bracket	<i>Ganoderma adspersum?</i>	Several years's growth observable – underside can be written on	Impossible
Birch Polypore	<i>Piptoporus betulinus</i>	Frequent and in various shapes and sizes	Too woody
Birch Webcap	<i>Cortinarius crocolitus</i>	Several substantial patches	Not usually
Blackening Russula	<i>Russula nigricans</i>	One found – blackened and not so attractive!	Yes when young!
Blushing Bracket	<i>Ganoderma confragosa</i>	Picked off branches several people	Too woody
Bonnets		Various different types seen!	Unlikely
Brown Roll-rim	<i>Paxillus involutus</i>	Frequently observed by the foragers	Not advised
Candle-snuff Fungus	<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	One patch found near the hazels	No
Clouded Agaric	<i>Clitocybe nebulosa</i>	Several turned up in the boxes	Some say yes, some say no
Common Earthball	<i>Scleroderma citrinum</i>	Several found – all the spores were ready to go just waiting for the skin to rupture	No
Common Tough-shank	<i>Collybia dryophila</i>	The first to be found on the foray and then again before we got to the hazel	Unnecessary
False Chanterelle	<i>Hygrophoropaia aurantiaca</i>	One found by Vicky Storey under Corsican Pine which was otherwise a barren landscape	Hallucinogenic
Fawn Shield-cap	<i>Pluteus cervinus</i>	Pink gills on wood, found by someone, but generally can be found throughout the year.	OK
Fleecy Milkcap	<i>Lactarius vellereus</i>	White 'milk' exuding from damaged gills. A substantial patch found and also later	Not really
Fly Agaric	<i>Amanita muscaria</i>	Widely distributed under birch. Several 'button' stages found with yellowish caps.	Hallucinogenic
<i>Galerina mutabilis</i>	Velvet Tough-shank	ON wood near Architectural Plants	Yes – but beware fatal lookalikes
Hairy Stereum	<i>Stereum hirsutum</i>	Found on fallen branches	No
Hare's-foot Ink-cap	<i>Coprinus lagopus</i>	Several in various stages near the hazel	Yes
Honey Fungus	<i>Armillaria mellea</i>	Many clumps found under oak and hazel but mostly past their prime. Only a few worthy of eating	OK after blanching
Horn of Plenty	<i>Craterellus cornucopiodes</i>	Several decomposing on a stump in the usual place	Choice
Jelly-rot	<i>Merulius tremellosus</i>	Found on a fallen trunk	No!
Legged Earthball	<i>Scleroderma verrucosum</i>	With a pronounced 'leg' – but <i>S. areolatum</i> is similar	No
Lilac Bonnet-cap	<i>Mycena pura</i>	One or two specimens found	Edible
Maze-gill	<i>Daedalea quercina</i>	Several brackets picked with characteristic maze-like gill structure - particularly in the spot near the Shaggy parasols	Too woody!
Oyster Mushroom	<i>Pleurotus pulmonarius</i>	One bunch of these found on a fallen trunk near the beech glade	Good
Purple and Black Russula	<i>Russula atropurpurea</i>	One of a number of this brittle genus that were found. They have brightly coloured caps but can be confusing to identify completely	No
Shaggy Parasol	<i>Lepiota rhacodes</i>	Several small immature specimens	Very good for most people
Stump Puffball	<i>Lycoperdon perlatum</i>	Some very small puffballs found , probably this species	Nice if white
Sulphur-tuft	<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>	In several places on wood	No
Turkey-tail	<i>Coriolis versicolor</i>	A few poor specimens found on wood	No
White Cheese Fungus	<i>Tyromyces stipticus?</i>	Found in one place on wood- a spongy white bracket – turned up in one of the boxes – probably this	No
Wood-wax	<i>Hygrophorus eburneus</i>	Some small specimens found	Unnecessary
Yellow Russula	<i>Russula ochroleuca</i>	One poor specimen found	Yes
Yellow Stagshorn	<i>Calocera viscosa</i>	One small specimen on an old piece of wood	No