

FUNGI SCAVENGER HUNT

Which of these 15 fungi can you find?

Remember to look but don't touch. Some fungi are very poisonous.

Blue fungus



Yellow fungus



A red fungus



Fungi growing in a cluster



A mushroom that looks like an umbrella



A white fungus



An Earthstar fungus



A spotted fungus



Jelly fungi



Coral fungi



A fungi with gills



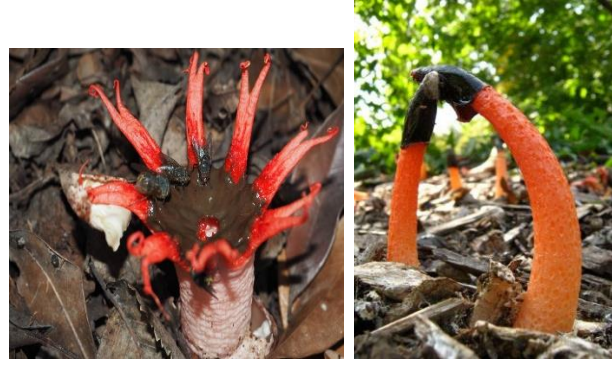
Bracket fungi growing on wood



Fungi growing in a ring*



Stinkhorn fungus



Lichen (part fungus part algae)



*A **fairy ring**, also known as fairy circle, elf circle, elf ring or pixie ring, is a naturally occurring ring or arc of mushrooms usually found in forests or open grass. According to many English and Celtic tales, any human who enters a fairy ring will be forced to dance with the creatures, unable to stop until they go mad or perish of exhaustion. Science tells us the truth: When a mushroom spore lands in a suitable location, the underground hyphae (fungus roots) grow out evenly in all directions. As the fungus grows and ages, the oldest parts in the centre of the mat die, creating a circle. When the fungus produces its mushrooms - the fruiting bodies - they appear aboveground in a ring. Given that the fungus does not die when the mushrooms fade, a fairy ring can persist for many years and continually increases in size. One enormous fairy ring in France is thought to be more than 700 years old!