

EDIBLE MUSHROOMS OF THE BOREAL FOREST

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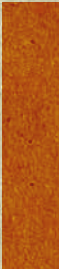
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PART 1

A GUIDE FOR BEGINNERS



CAPS



GLOBULAR



CYLINDRICAL



BELL-SHAPED



CONICAL



DOMED



NIPPLE-SHAPED



UMBILICATE



DEPRESSED



FUNNEL-SHAPED



FLAT OR EFFUSE

STEMS



BULBOUS



STOUT



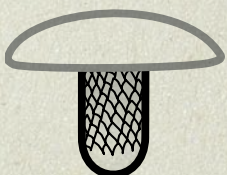
CYLINDRICAL



STUFFED



HOLLOW



NETTED



RIBBED



ECCENTRIC



CENTRAL

DESTROYING ANGEL

Amanita virosa

Amanite vireuse

CAP

4–10 cm in diameter; first conical ❶ and bell-shaped, then spread out and nipple-shaped ❷, with shreds of the veil attached to the margin; pure white; glossy.

GILLS

Free; close; uneven; white; flaky on the edges.

FLESH

White; faint, unpleasant aroma.

STEM

8–20 x 0.8–2 cm, even or slightly enlarged at the base; smooth, somewhat fibrillous; with a white ❸ membranous ring, folded, often torn, ending in a globular bulb inserted in a membranous lobed volva ❹.

SPORE-PRINT

White.

HABITAT

Isolated or dispersed in mixed forests, especially under birches, sometimes present on lawns near homes where there are trees, in late summer and fall; mycorrhizal.

EDIBILITY

Deadly.



The boreal forest is the Destroying Angel's paradise. It has happened that individuals experienced in picking wild mushrooms have mistaken a Destroying Angel for a Smooth Lepiota and died. If this mushroom is accidentally eaten, it is urgently necessary to go to the hospital; however, even if treated, the liver may be destroyed and the kidneys seriously damaged. Destroying Angel is a mushroom to be identified and avoided.



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FRIED CHICKEN MUSHROOM

Lyophyllum decastes

Lyophylle en touffe

CAP

5–12 cm in diameter; convex, nipple-shaped; smooth; white, greyish, or brownish; with a curved ❶ then effuse margin; serrated or lobed ❷.

GILLS

Attached or subdecurrent ❸; white or yellowish, then greyish.

FLESH

Whitish, with an indistinct aroma and flavour.

STEM

5–10 x 0.5–1.5 cm; even or wider at the base; full; slightly fibril-lous; whitish.

SPORE-PRINT

White.

HABITAT

In dense tufts on stumps or buried wood, in open areas, lawns, pastures, in summer and autumn; saprotrophic.

EDIBILITY

Good edible.



When the Fried Chicken Mushroom is cooked, it gives off an aroma of fried chicken, hence its English name.



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