



Getting Friendly with Fungi

Resources 2026

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*I recommend checking items with **bold** entries first.*

Some books are "out of print," but if you can find a used copy reasonably priced, you'll be delighted!

Field Guides

California Mushrooms & Mykoweb, Dennis Desjardin, 2015 californiafungi.com. All you need for local fungi.

Mushrooms of North America, OK, Jr. and Hope Miller, 2006

Mushrooms of the Redwood Coast, Siegel and Schwarz, 2016

Fruits of the Forest, Daniel Winkler, 2023. Focus on Northwest USA edible mushrooms

Fungal Photography

Detailed photography post - Alan Franck <https://www.fundis.org/blog/photography-of-macrofungi?rq=photograph>

Mushrooming D. Winkler - Great examples, such as fungi parasitizing insects <https://mushrooming.com/>

Organizations

North American Mycological Association - see Photography Contest entries, link above <http://namyco.org>

Los Angeles Mycological Society - Club with outings, lectures, February festival <http://www.lamushrooms.org>

Fungal Diversity Survey (FunDiS) - Community Science for fungal conservation <http://fundis.org>

San Diego Mycological Society - February Festival. <http://www.sdmyco.org>

WEB Sites

Mushroom Observer, International mushroom ID with locations <http://MushroomObserver.org>

iNaturalist - FunDiS Biodiversity Database <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/fundis-biodiversity-database>

Facebook Groups

Beginner: The Mushroom Identification Forum Mushroom Identification

Advanced: Advanced Mushroom Identification Ascomycetes of the World Boletes of North America Crust Fungi

Background Books

A Separate Kingdom, L Parker, DT Jenkins, 1979: Delightful! Out of print but available "used."

The Romance of the Fungus World, Rolie and Rolie, 1925 (Dover, 1974), quite artful and inexpensive.

Toxic and Hallucinogenic Mushroom Poisoning, Gary Lincoff, & DH Mitchel, 1977, medical/technical. *Mushrooms for*

Color, Miriam Rice, 1980, Textile dying with fungi - out of print but excellent if you find it used.

Cookbooks

Joe's Book of Mushroom Cookery, Jack Czarnecki, 1986 (has since been updated) - my favorite.

A Cook's Book of Mushrooms, Jack Czarnecki, 1995 (the update, with 100 recipes)

Fantastic Fungi Community Cookbook, Eugenia Bone, 2021

The Joy of Truffles, Pub: Benedikt, Taschen Veriag Gmbit, 1998

Film

Fantastic Fungi - Excellent overview of the Kingdom (including some on Slime Molds); free on Netflix

Article

National Geographic - April 2024. Cover article *Fabulous Fungi*