

Fungi found on the Friends of Chesworth Foray – Saturday 12th November 2016 – FCF version

Our route took us from the Volunteer Centre across the Arun and up Denne Hill along Pedlars Way as reports of fungi from the meadows and lanes around the farm had not been encouraging. The * records were from the other side of the Arun

Botanical name	Common name	Association	Notes
<i>Amanita muscaria</i> *	Fly Agaric	Birch	The iconic hallucinogenic mushroom in some quantity in the birch woods
<i>Armillaria mellea</i> *	Honey Fungus	Vulnerable wood	Growing in clumps on dead wood and the woodland floor.
<i>Auricularia auricula-judae</i> *	Jelly Ear	Elder	On dead or dying elder. Looks like a brown ear.
<i>Clitocybe geotropa</i> *	Trooping Funnel	Woodland	Usually occurs in trooping groups but this time there was just the one. A solid species with decurrent gills and a pale pink cap of unusually small diameter
<i>Clitocybe nebularis</i>	Clouded Agaric	Usually woodland	Two distorted fruiting bodies seen at the base of a post-fence outside the VC
<i>Collybia butyracea</i>	Buttercap	Pasture	Many outside the Volunteer Centre
<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i> *	Glistening Ink-cap	Dead wood	Seen in a very young state on a log
<i>Cortinarius</i> species	A Webcap	On wood	A very small example with brown gills and a cap with scales and 'fuzzy stuff' though a magnifying glass which was the 'web' that formerly attached the cap to the stem.
<i>Crepidotus epibyris</i>	An Oysterling	Blackthorn	Very small gilled mushrooms on twigs
<i>Daldinia Concentrica</i> *	King Alfred's Cakes	Dead Ash	Very common
<i>Ganoderma australe</i>	Southern Bracket	Deciduous trees	On fallen oak trunks. The lower surface can be scratched to produce designs
<i>Hypoholoma fasciculare</i>	Sulphur Tuft	Dead wood	A very common species growing in groups with striking yellow/black gills
<i>Inonotus radiatus</i>	Alder bracket	Alder	Brackets growing in tiers on alder by the Arun.
<i>Lactarius</i> species*	A Milkcap	Birch	Several seen in the birch woodland. The 'milk' seemed mild.
<i>Laetoporus sulphureus</i> *	Chicken of the Woods	Trees	We saw it on oak at quite a height and now going white.
<i>Leccinum scabrum</i> *	Birch Bolete	Birch	Long stem with black scales. The cap is a solid brown dome with tubes ending in pores on the under surface. The only 'Bolete' we saw.
<i>Lenzites betulina</i> *	Birch Maze-gill	Dead birch log	Underside shows maze-like gill structure
<i>Lepiota cristata</i>	Stinking Dapperling	Open ground	Like a very small parasol mushroom with a dark centre and scales fading to the edge. Said to have a bad smell.
<i>Mycena galericulata</i> *	Common Bonnet	Fallen wood	
<i>Mycena polygramma</i> *	Grooved Bonnet	Fallen wood	Several <i>Mycena</i> species were noticed, although none disappointingly bled with white, orange or burgundy juice.
<i>Rhytisma acerinum</i> *	Tarspot	Sycamore leaves	A good proportion of fallen sycamore leaves will show this feature
<i>Stereum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Curtain Crust	Fallen deciduous logs	On several trunks
<i>Tremella foliacea</i>	Leafy Brain	Alder	Gelatinous brown lobes
<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candlesnuff Fungus	Dead wood	Looking like a snuffed out wick
<i>Xylaria polymorpha</i> *	Dead Man's Fingers	Stumps	Solid black finger shaped objects with concentric growth rings when sectioned.