

Fungi found on the Friends of Chesworth Foray – Saturday 20th October 2018

A long dry summer and a shortage of regular autumn showers reduced the fungal figures again this year. However, the party probed the long grass by the tracks and got quite a good haul of LBM's and, fortunately, just a few more prominent and less problematic species. Bracketed names are educated guesses!

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Botanical name	Common name	Association	Notes
<i>Armillaria mellea</i> *	Honey Fungus	Vulnerable wood	This year we just saw the 'bootlaces' under the bark of a fallen log. (2016)
<i>Bolbitius titubans</i>	Yellow Field-cap	Grassland	There were several patches of this in et grass with distinctive shiny yellow done-shaped caps and silky stems, changing coloration with age. (2014, 2015)
<i>Clitocybe odora</i>	Aniseed Funnel	Under the old oaks	A more substantial fungus than others found this year. It has a distinctive blue-green cap and an aniseed smell, which members of the party agreed on after it had been pointed out.
<i>Collybia dryophila</i>	Russet Toughshank	Woods and fields	The <i>Collybia</i> fungi have fibrous stems that you can pull apart. (2014)
<i>Collybia peronata</i>	Wood Woolly-foot	Woodland	This one has a white hairy base. We fond one
<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i>	Glistening Ink-cap	Dead wood	Seen on the steps by the bridge over the Arun. (2016)
<i>Fistulina hepatica</i>	Beefsteak Fungus	Oaks	One had fallen off an old oak but revealed itself when cut open and squeezed (it bled)
<i>Ganoderma (australe)</i>	Southern Bracket	Deciduous trees	One at the base of a sanding dead oak. The lower surface can be scratched to produce designs. (2016)
<i>Ganoderma (pfeifferi)</i>	Beeswax Fungus	Oaks	There was a dead bracket with a shinier dark purple top surface at the base of a living tree at the far end with the Beefsteak, which might have been this uncommon species
<i>Hebeloma (crustuliniforme)</i>	Poison Pie	Grassland	A few found under a young oak (2014, 2015)
<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>	Sulphur Tuft	Dead wood	Found growing in groups on buried dead wood. This is a very common and distinctive species with striking yellow to black gills. (2017, 2016, 2014)
<i>Inonotus radiatus</i>	Alder bracket		Alder Brackets growing in tiers on alder by the Arun. The best ones were only visible with a safety harness. (2016, 2014, 2015)
<i>Laccaria (laccata)</i>	The Deceiver	Woods and heaths	We found one in the grass. It was dark pink all over with widely-spaced gills. It is a variable and common species. Potentially edible. (2017)
<i>Mycena (aitites)</i>	Drab Bonnet	Grassland	One of several little fungi found at the wayside with bonnet shaped caps and relatively long thin and flexible stems. Watch out for other species in woodland with coloured 'milk'. (2015, 2017, 2016)
<i>Pluteus (salicinus)</i>	Willow Shield	Dead wood	Medium sized mushroom on wood with pink gills. The greyish cap suggest 'salicinus' rather than the commoner 'cervinus'.
<i>Coprinus plicatilis</i>	Pleated Ink-cap	Grassland	Delicate little mushroom in grassland also known as Little Japanese Umbrella
<i>Psathyrella (conopilus)</i>	Conical Brittlestem	Wood in grassland	A frequent find was probably this with light-brown rounded caps on long silky stems with dark gills. (2014, 2015)
<i>Stropharia caerulea</i>	Blue Roundhead	Grassland	One found in the grass, small but strikingly blue-green cap and stem with white scales (2014, 2015)
<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candle-snuff Fungus	Dead wood	On wood, looking like a snuffed-out wick. (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
A Resupinate			On a willow. One of many fungi that lie flat on the bark of trees.