

1. Introduction

- Who is this guy talking about mushrooms and why should I trust him!?
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 - BS in Forestry from MTU (with a focus on Wildlife Ecology and Mgt.)
 - Formerly certified through M.D.A.R.D. as a "Wild Edible Mushroom Identification Expert"
 - 20+ years of experience mushroom hunting and counting!!
 - Currently forage for 20ish species of fungi

2. Why mushroom hunting is cool

- Fun
- Connect with nature
- Connect with family/friends
- Connect with inner self
- Spiritual connection
- Create memories/tell stories
- Food on the table
- Exercise
- Healthy source of vitamins and minerals
- Make some money!

3. Uses That Put The "Fun" In Fungi!

- Food
- Art
- Medicine

4. Two Fungus types {Phylum}

- Ascomycetes or Sac Fungi
 - Largest phylum, over 64,000 Species
 - Morchella, Gyromitra, Helvella, Peziza. Sarcoscypha
 - Spores produced in elongated cells (Asci)
 - Spores liberated by pressure
- Basidiomycetes
 - Major and very diverse group
 - Gill fungi, boletes, polypores, calvarias, jelly fungi and Gasteromycetes (lg. diverse group within Basidiomycetes)
 - Characterized by the presence of Basidia or Basidium (a microscopic, club-shaped spore-bearing structure)

5. Mushroom Morphology

- Gills, teeth, pores, ridges
 - Gills
 - Adnate
 - Adnexed
 - Decurrent
 - Emarginate
 - Free
 - Seceding

- Sinuate
 - Subdecurrent
- Ridges
- Basal bulb
 - Equal
 - Club shaped
 - Bulbous
 - With volva
 - Rooting
 - With rhizoids
- Volva
- Stipe
- Reticulum
- Ring or Annulus
- Striations
- Zonation

Cap

- Campanulate
- Conical
- Convex
- Depressed
- Flat
- Infundibuliform
- Ovate
- Umbillicate
- Umbonate

Scales

Areolae

Warts

6.) Poisonous Mushrooms

- What is a poisonous mushroom
 - A poisonous mushroom is one that is expected to have an adverse effect on a sizeable percentage of the population the majority of the time.
 - Excludes idiosyncratic reactions and allergies caused by a "usually" edible mushroom.
- Approximately 2,500 species of large, fleshy mushrooms in Michigan
 - 60-100 regarded as generally safe for eating.
 - At least 50 species are known to be poisonous, (there may be more).

7.) Some Commonly found poisonous mushrooms in Michigan

- Amanita Species:
 - Amanita bisporigera**
 - Amanita muscaria (all varieties)*
 - Amanita pantherina*
 - var. multisquamosa
 - Var. velatipes
 - Amanita phalloides**
- Chlorophyllum molybdites
- Clitocybe dealbata
- Coprinus atramentarius (with alcohol)
- Genus Cortinarius (over 1,000 species, some deadly)**
- Genus Galerina (L.B.M.'s; Little Brown Mushrooms)**
- Genus Gyromitra** (with acceptions)

- Genus Inocybe (more L.B.M. 's)
- Lactarius piperatus
- Omphalotus illudens
- Photiota squarrosoides
- Ramaria Formosa
- Many Russula species

Note: Asterisk marks rare deaths, double asterisk marks frequently deadly

8.) Some mushroom myths

- "If an animal can eat it, then so can I."
 - FALSE!! Some squirrels and rabbits can eat Amanita sp. And Russula sp. With no adverse effects.
- "If I eat a little bit and wait for a while with no symptoms, then it is safe."
 - FALSE!! The most dangerous mushroom toxins known have a delayed action. Effects may not be noticed for 6 hours to 10 days after consumption!
- "Cooking the mushroom will destroy the toxins."
 - FALSE!! Cooking is highly recommended for all mushrooms to break down sugars that we cannot digest, (chitin). No way to destroy all toxins however.
- "I can do "tests" to distinguish poisonous mushrooms from non." FALSE!!

9.) Ways to protect yourself

- Never eat any mushroom that you can't positively identify
- Never eat raw mushrooms
- Never eat old or decaying mushrooms
- Be careful the first time you eat a mushroom (consume a small bit)
- Any time you sample a new species, save a whole, uncooked specimen in your refrigerator for identification in case you have an adverse reaction.

- Try new species one at a time
- Do not overindulge
- Respect others, and nature

10.) Mushroom Toxins

- Amatoxins (Class A/Poisindex group 1)
- Cortinarius toxins (Class B/Poisindex group I-A)
- Monomethylhydrazine (Class C/Poisindex group 3)
- Coprine (Class D/Poisindex group 5)
- Psilocybin, Psilocin (Class E/Poisindex group 6)
- Muscimol, Ibotenic Acid (Class F/Poisindex group 2)
- Muscarine (Class G/Poisindex group 4)
- "Unknown toxins (Class H/Poisindex group 7)

11.) Amatoxins

- Mushrooms
 - Amanita, Galerina, Lepiota, and Conocybe
- Symptoms
 - Sever gastrointestinal distress for a day or two followed by remission then possible coma or death due to liver and kidney failure.
- Treatment
 - No known antidote.
 - Stomach can be emptied shortly after ingestion. Not effective however if more than two hours pass.
 - Case-by-case treatment.

1 2.) Cortinarius Toxins

- Mushrooms
 - Species in the genus Cortinarius
- Symptoms
 - Characterized by extremely long delay (3-10 days!!)
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite, headache, feeling of "coldness", eventually kidney failure leading to possible death.
- Treatment
 - Treat as kidney failure
 - Some patients spontaneously recover; others may require dialyses or kidney transplant.

1 3.) Monomethylhydrazine

- Mushrooms
 - Members of the genus Gyromitra (False morels)
- Symptoms
 - Latent period of 6-8 hours followed by feeling of "fullness".
 - Vomiting, watery diarrhea for up to two days.
 - Headache, lassitude, cramps/tntense pain in liver and stomach followed by jaundice.
 - Red blood cells may be broken down. May be fatal.
- Treatment
 - Emesis may help if employed early (>2 hours is no good!)
 - Fluid replacement for dehydration

- o Patient should be hospitalized for detection of hemolysis or liver/kidney failure.

14.) Coprine

- Mushrooms
 - o *Coprinus atramentarius*, *Clitocybe clavipes*, other *Coprinus* sp.
- Symptoms
 - o May occur shortly after consuming alcohol within 48 hrs. of consuming mushroom.
 - o Flushing of face and neck. ► Metallic taste in mouth
 - o Tingling of extremities
 - o Rapid heartbeat
 - o Swelling of face and hands
 - o Nausea and vomiting
 - o Visual disturbances, vertigo. Weakness and confusion
- Treatment
 - o Symptoms will subside on their own
 - o Reassure patient

15.) Psilocybin, Psilocin

- Mushrooms

- o Psilocybe and Stropharia sp., Paneolus sp., Some Conocybe and Inocybe sp., Gymnopilus spectabilis.
- Symptoms
 - o Change of mood
 - o May experience fear, excitement, hilarity, hallucinations, loss of coordination, dilation of pupils, rapid heart rate.
 - o High fever and seizures in children
- Treatment
 - o Reassurance and time
 - o Children should be hospitalized

16.) Muscimol, Ibotenic Acid

- Mushrooms
 - o *A. muscaria*, *A. pantherina*, *A. cothurnata*, *A. frostiana* and *A. gemmata*.
- Symptoms
 - o Drowsiness
 - o State resembling alcoholic intoxication
 - o Followed by hyperactive, confusion, muscular spasms, delirium and visual hallucinations.
 - o Drowsiness and deep sleep lead to a usual full recovery.
 - o Fatality rate of 1-5% however.

- Treatment
 - Emesis or gastric lavage may be performed if done early.
 - Overtreatment can be more harmful than none at all.

17.) Muscarine

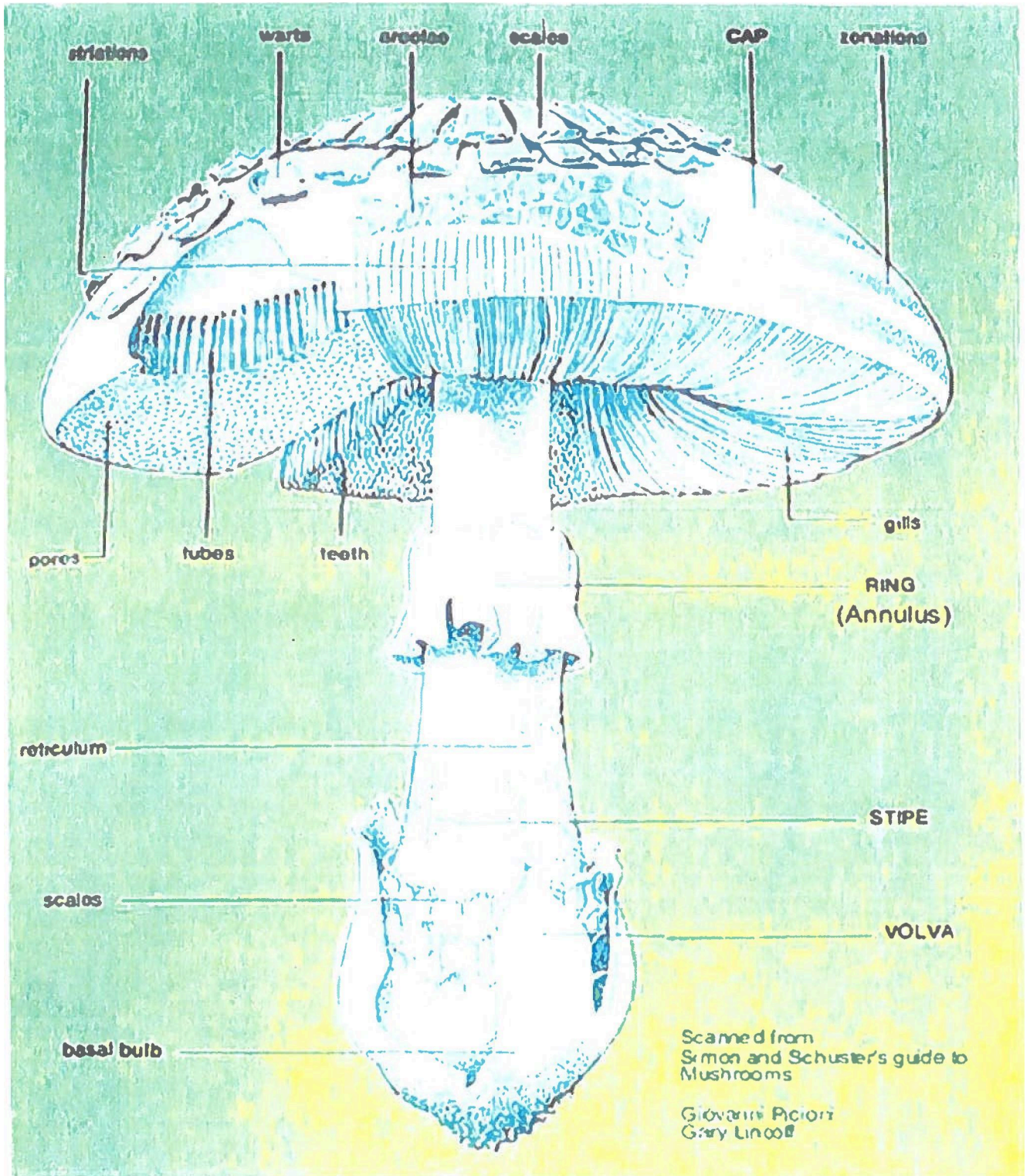
- Mushrooms
 - Certain members of the genera *Inocybe* and *Clitocybe*.
- Symptoms
 - PSL-perspiration, salivation, lacrimation
 - "SLUDGE"- salivation, lacrimation, urination, defecation, gastritis, emesis.
 - Begins 30-120 minutes after consumption
- Treatment
 - Atropine- specific antidote for muscarine poisoning.
 - Should only be administered by a physician.

18.) Unknown Toxins

- Catch-all term to cover any toxin that doesn't fall into the previous categories.
- Mushrooms
 - *Chlorophyllum molybdites*, *Lepiota naucina*, *Omphalotus illudens*, *Enteloma* sp., *Paxillus involutus*, *Boletus subtomentosus*, *Laetiporus sulfereus*
- Symptoms
 - Gastrointestinal irritants unless otherwise noted

- o Abdominal cramps
 - o Vomiting/diarrhea
- Treatment
 - o Due to exact nature of toxin being unknown, no specific antidote can be recommended

Mushroom Anatomy



Credit: Michigan Wild Foraged Mushroom Certification Program

Spore-bearing surface under cap



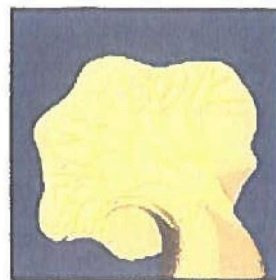
Gills:

wide and thin sheet-like plates radiating from stem



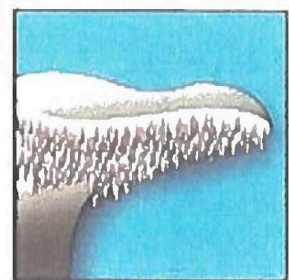
Pores:

many small tubes ending in a spongy surface



Ridges:

short, blunt elevated lines on stem and under cap



Teeth:

many small finger-like projections

Gill attachment



Adnate - gills widely attached widely to stem



Adnexed - gills attached narrowly to stem



Decurrent - gills running down stem for some length



Emarginate - gills notched immediately before attaching to stem



Free - gills not attached to stem



Secoding - gills attached, but breaking away from stem at margin (often older specimens)



Sinuate - gills smoothly notched and running briefly down stem



Subdecurrent - gills running briefly down stem

Cap morphology



Campanulate - bell-shaped



Conical - triangular



Convex - outwardly rounded



Depressed - with a low central region



Flat - with top of uniform height



Infundibulliform - deeply depressed, funnel-shaped



Ovate - shaped like half an egg

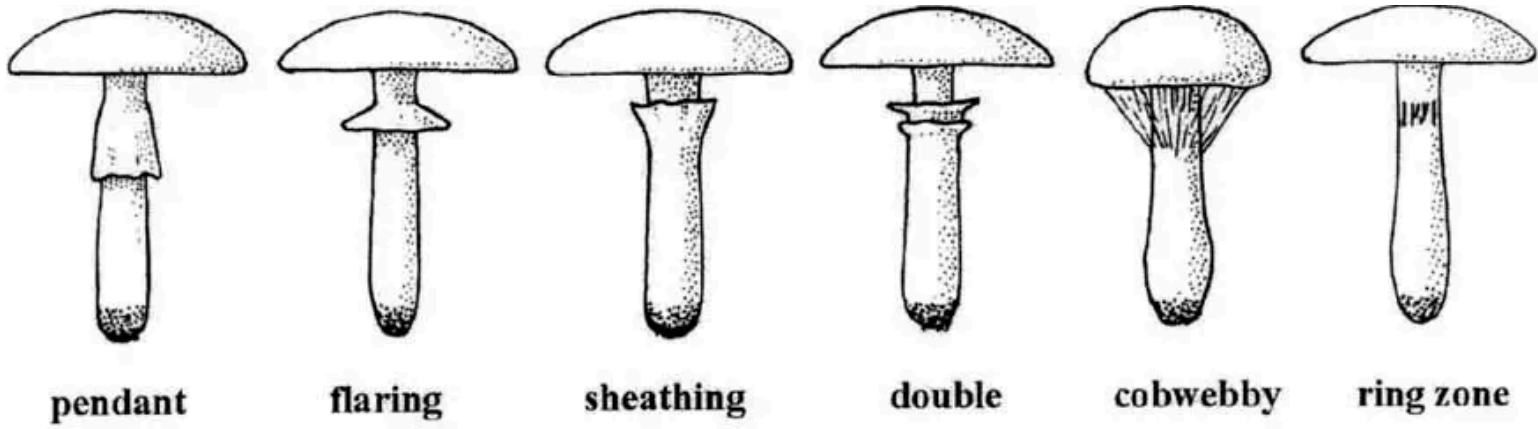


Umbillicate - with a small, deep depression

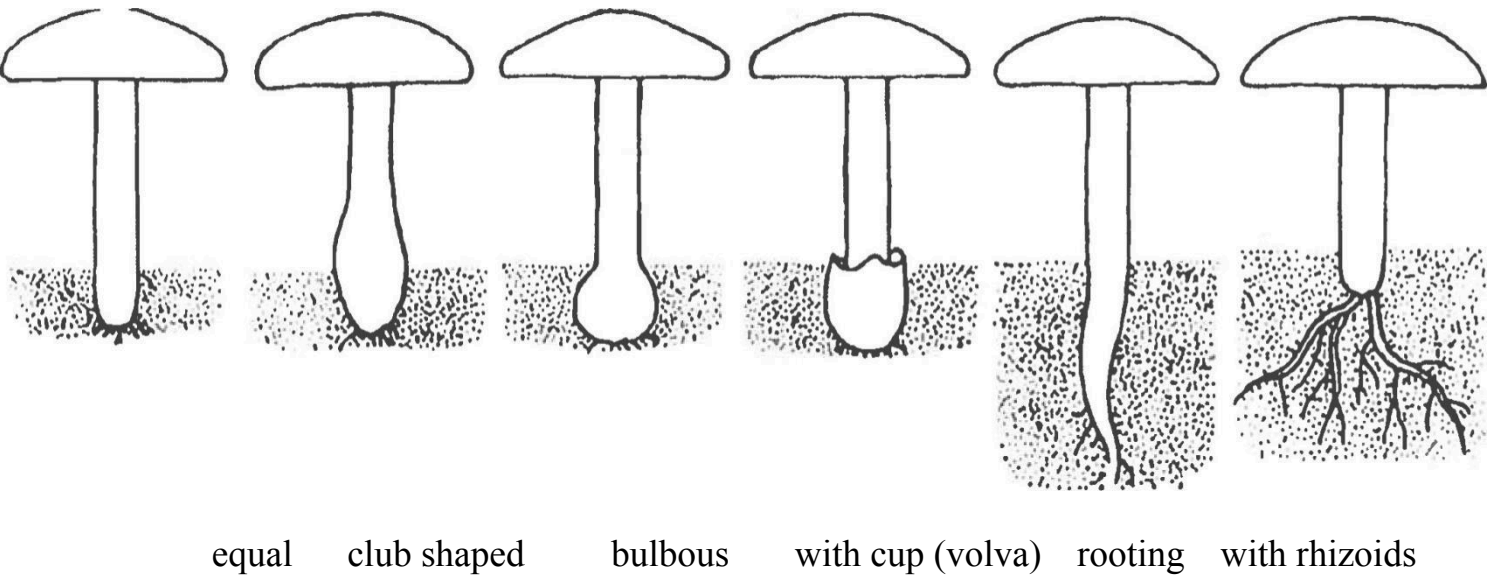


Umbonate - with a central bump or knob

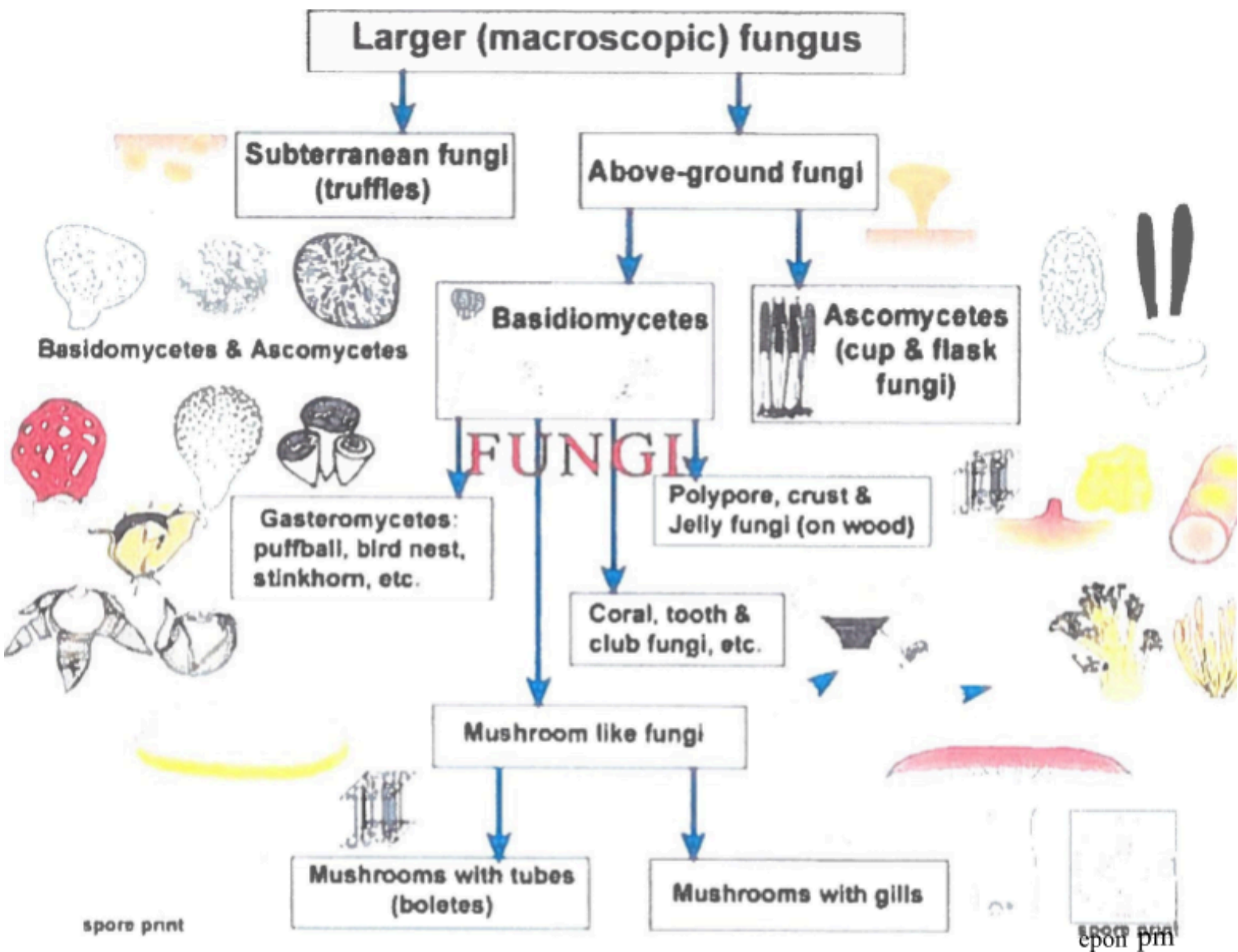
Veil types



Stipe (stem)



Pics from the Michigan Wild Foraged Mushroom Certification Program



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CROSS-INDEX OF MUSHROOMS AND TARGETED THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS'

	anti-bacterial	anti-candida	anti-inflammatory	anti-oxidant	anti-tumor	anti-viral	blood pressure	blood sugar moderator	cholesterol reducer	cardio-vascular	immune enhancer	kidney enhancer	liver tonic	lungs/respiratory	nerve tonic	sexual potentiator	stress reducer
<i>Agaricus blazei</i> (Himematsutake)						•	•		•		•	•					
<i>Cordyceps sinensis</i> (Cordyceps)	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Flammulina velutipes</i> (Enokitake)						•					•	•					
<i>Fomes fomentarius</i> (Ice Man Polypore)	•						•										
<i>Ganoderma applanatum</i> (Artist Conk)	•		•		•											•	
<i>Ganoderma lucidum</i> (Reishi/Ling Chi)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Ganoderma oregonense</i> (Oregon Polypore)	•				•					•		•			•	•	
<i>Grifola frondosa</i> (Maitake/Hen of the Woods)	•	•			•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•		•
<i>Hericium erinaceus</i> (Yamabushitake/Lion's Mane)	•		•		•							•					
<i>Inonotus obliquus</i> (Chaga)	•		•		•	•	•		•			•		•			
<i>Lentinula edodes</i> (Shiitake/Xiang Gu)	•	•			•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•
<i>Phellinus linteus</i> (Mesima)	•		•		•	•					•						
<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i> (Hiratake/Pearl Oyster)	•						•	•			•	•				•	
<i>Polyporus sulphureus</i> (Chicken of the Woods)	•																
<i>Polyporus umbellatus</i> (Zhu Ling)	•		•		•	•						•		•	•		
<i>Schizophyllum commune</i> (Suehirotake/Split-Gill)		•			•	•											
<i>Trametes versicolor</i> (Yun Zhi/Turkey Tail)	•				•	•	•					•	•	•			

Source: "MycoMedicinals: An Informational Treatise on Mushrooms" by Paul Stamets.



