

Mycological Resources in Portland, Oregon

The Oregon Mycological Society (OMS) has been the best place to learn about mushrooms in Portland, Oregon since 1949. Meetings are open to the public and are on the fourth Monday of each month from 6-9PM at the Oregon Zoo Complex, near the World Forestry Center.

Visit the website at www.wildmushrooms.org for more information.

If you are excited and competent with electronic technology and like to take pictures of mushrooms you have found, visit www.mushroomobserver.org this is one of the best online resources for mushrooms from Oregon and around the world.

If you are a DIY-kind of person AND competent with electronic technology AND are good with working with a wide-variety of mycophiles (Those who like mushrooms), check out www.radicalmycology.com.

You can google common and Latin names of mushrooms and click on images for a wide variety of mushroom images, some of which are the one you are looking for.

Please do not base your decision to eat mushrooms you have collected on what you see on the internet! If you have not eaten wild mushrooms or collected them yourself, please use extreme caution: there are a few deadly mushrooms that grow in Oregon. The only way not to become a statistic is to not eat mushrooms that you cannot safely identify as edible species.

You can ask your local Soil & Water Conservation District to have more mycological presentations and hands-on workshops, especially in the spring and fall.

Here are my favorite field guides for western mushrooms:

All the Rain Promises and More, by David Arora

Mushrooms of the PNW, by Steve Trudell & Joe Ammirati

Mushrooms of the Redwood Coast, by Noah Siegel & Christian Schwarz

And of course, the best, most accessible book on low-tech mycology ever published-

Mycelium Running, by Paul Stamets

My email address is www.jordansmushrooms@gmail.com. Send me an email and I will forward the most up to date information on current and ongoing mycological education resources, forays and which farmers markets have the best selection of cultivated and wild-crafted mushrooms in Portland.

-Jordan Weiss