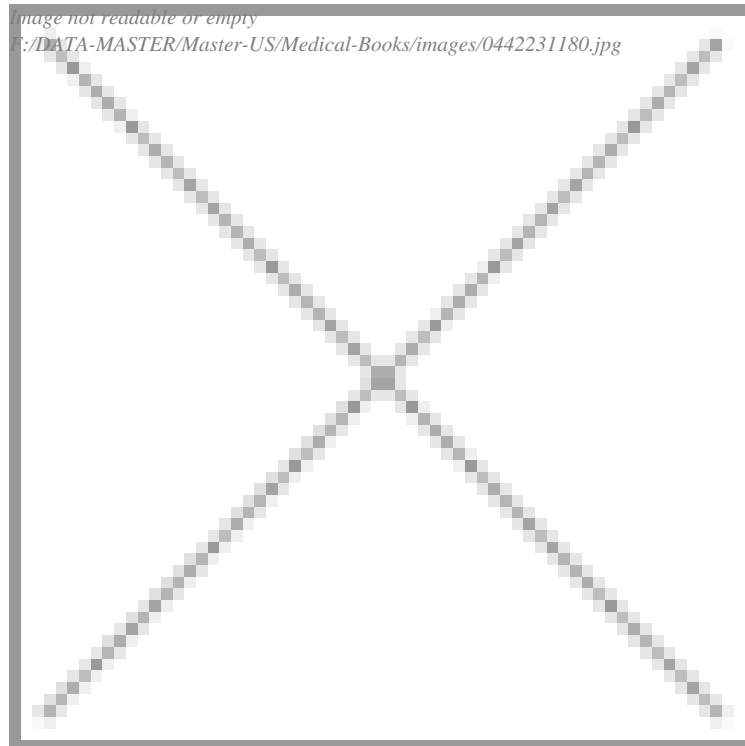


Field Guide to Mushrooms and Their Relatives

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Booth Courtenay, H.H. Burdsall : Field Guide to Mushrooms and Their Relatives before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Field Guide to Mushrooms and Their Relatives:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. By Far, the Most Useful Mushroom Book For My RegionBy rabidrabbitDon't know why, but I can find and identify the mushrooms of northern Wisconsin with the greatest of ease with this book! Even cross-referencing which is always, ALWAYS necessary to do especially if one is thinking of doing any kind of eating of mushrooms.I do a lot of research into mycology online, in other books, but I always go back to this. The descriptions are great and accurate. The Species/genus are not accurate now however and need to be updated. Though a lot of books suffer from this phenomenon due to DNA research and surprises from that!The photography is now 30+ years old, is a little off with some filters being used to depict odd colors they could not Photoshop at the time, is still very accurate. I see these species in their natural habitat and it follows well with what I find.Things the book should have are more illustrations, though what they have are not bad (cross-sections of different kinds of caps, stipes.) I don't think any book can have too many illustrations depicting how the cap may look removed and looked at face up. Also any other anomalies that just can't be photographed so easily.Something a lot of mushroom books are missing is the description of smells. Yes, it is a difficult thing to describe, but other books do it, this one should also. Some mushrooms have a very Anise (licorice) smell and that could throw someone off from a mushroom that might look similar to it. Very useful information!In summary, for only about 300 described mushrooms, Ms. Courtenay and her colleague Mr. Burdsall describe most of what you will see in the northern woods and neighboring Great Lakes. I would again recommend picking up other books for cross-referencing, but this one, though a smallish

book, is packed with a ton of great information.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. mushrooms are fascinatingBy Andy Kthough its the wrong time of the year to get started, learning about mushrooms is fascinating..especially in western Oregon

This handy all-color guide will help you identify the 350 most frequently found species of mushrooms and related fungi. Hundreds of mushrooms from such groups as puffballs, jelly fungi, toothed fungi, thelephores, rusts, and club fungi are described and illustrated. Includes a concise explanation of what mushrooms are, when they are found, where to find them, and the role of fungi in the ecosystem. Also includes 120 illustrations of mushroom characteristics that will aid in identifying genus and species, as well as over 400 color photographs. The capsule descriptions include only those characteristics that distinguish one species from another, and there is no repetition of extraneous and confusing characteristics. The author has also included the "ten commandments" for avoiding poisonous mushrooms. In each description, readers will find common and Latin binomial names, cap or body size, appropriate height of stem, spore color, growth habit, gill or tube characteristics, edibility, ecological roles, and much more. A Field Guide to Mushroom and Their Relatives is a valuable volume that will make mushroom hunting productive, satisfying, and safe.