

ORANGE PEEL

Orange peel is an unusual fungus found in the Santa Cruz mountains. It prefers

wet, soggy ground near creeks. Also known as orange fairy cup



fungus!

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EARTHSTAR

The earthstar fungus uses its "feet" to raise itself off the forest floor to better disperse spores. Raindrops strike

its upper ball-like surface to release puffs of spores that drift in all directions.



WESTERN JACK O' LANTERN

The Western jack o' lantern is an orange to brown-colored gilled mushroom native to California and Mexico. This mushroom is phosphorescent – it glows



WITCH'S HAT

The witch's hat mushroom spreads its cap like a umbrella to release spores. Young mushrooms range from bright red to orange to yellow. As they age (or if injured), witch's hat mushrooms turn jet black.



SULFUR POLYPORE

This large yellow-orange bracket fungus is common on large oak trees, logs, and stumps. Also known as





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LION'S MANE

Lion's Mane is a tree-dependent mushroom that grows high on the trunks of tall oaks. Each "hair" in its mane releases spores in 10-15

to optimize dispersal.

minute intervals



WITCH'S BUTTER

Witch's butter emerges after a good rain. it grows on dead deciduous wood and has a yellow jelly-like texture. After releasing spores, it literally





CORAL MUSHROOM

Coral mushrooms come in a variety of colors, from translucent white to yellow to pink. Clumps can

grow between

two to five inches

high and eight

to ten inches

across!



COMB TOOTH MUSHROOM

The comb tooth mushroom is a delicate species found in mixed oak woodlands and redwood forests, growing on decaying wood. This mushroom has many branches covered with tufts of hanging,



