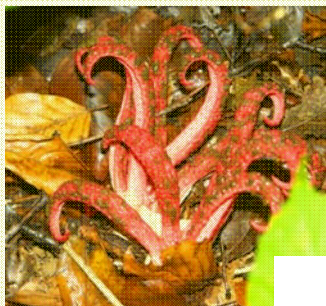


# Spooky Spotter Sheet



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## Octopus Stinkhorn

*Clathrus archeri*

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Also known as Devil's Fingers, this rarely found fungus was introduced from Australasia during WWI. Smells as bad as it looks.

Where to find it:  
In leaf litter & bark mulch.



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## Devil's Snuffbox

*Lycoperdon perlatum*

More commonly known as Puffballs, when ripe a touch as light as a raindrop can cause them to explode & spread their spores.

Where to find it:  
Various types of woodland.



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## Dead Man's Fingers

*Xylaria polymorpha*

Bent & crooked, giving the impression of gnarled knuckles, these "fingers" often turn pale blue when producing spores.

Where to find it:  
Beech stumps.

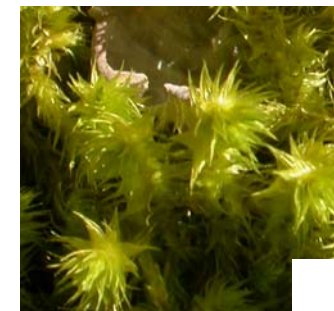


## Fly Agaric

*Amanita muscaria*

The archetypal toadstool. Used since the Middle Ages to get rid of flies as it contains an insecticide.

Where to find it:  
Beneath pine & birch trees.



## Electrified Cat's-tail Moss

*Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus*

Also called Big Shaggy Moss. Fuzzy & unkempt with leaves sticking out in all directions, its appearance is thought to be botanically unique.

Where to find it:  
Churchyards & woodland floors.



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## Jelly Ear

*Auricularia auricula-judae*

According to legend, Judas Iscariot hung himself from an Elder tree & these fungi are manifestations of his tormented soul.

Where to find it:  
Dead or dying Elder trees.



## Slime Mould

Eg. *Fuligo septica* (above)

Often these live as individual single-celled organisms. But when they get hungry they join together & move *en masse* in search of food.

Where to find it:  
Damp, rotting logs.



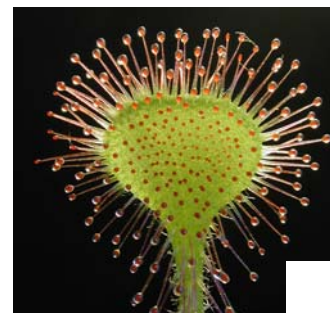
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## Strangleweed

*Cuscuta epithymum*

Also commonly known as Dodder, this vampire-like plant sniffs out its prey before sucking out its juices.

Where to find it:  
Grassland & heathland.



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## Sundew

*Drosera Rotundifolia*

A native carnivorous plant. Its sticky tentacles trap unsuspecting insects which it then curls in its leaves & slowly digests.

Where to find it:  
Bogs & wet moors.



## Witches' Butter

*Exidia glandulosa*

Fancy this on your toast? These black blisters grow & merge into a swathe of quivering globs. Turns yellow when dry.

Where to find it:  
Dead branches of trees.

**REMEMBER: Fungi can be deadly poisonous. This sheet should not be used to identify edible fungi.**

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