

Common Fungi

While this poster highlights some of the common fungus species and a few of the rare ones. It does not cover them all. In fact, there are probably well over 100 species of mushroom-producing fungi at McClellan Ranch!



Name: Stubble Rosegill
Habitat: Grass, mulch
Notes: This large and common fungus can be often be mistaken for a Pluteus mushroom, but the difference is that a Pluteus does not have a little cup or sac at the base of the stalk.



Name: Mulch Fieldcap
Habitat: Mulch, sometimes grass
Notes: In the spring, this mushroom can be found everywhere at McClellan. A similar species is the Spring Fieldcap, but it has a ring of tissue around the stalk.



Name: Mulch Maid
Habitat: Mulch, grass
Notes: This mushroom, although similar to the Mulch Fieldcap, can be told apart by the dark purple-gray color of its gills.



Name: Golden Milkcap
Habitat: Grows under oak trees
Notes: This mushroom gets its name "Milkcap" because if you cut the gills of a fresh one, they will bleed a white substance.



Name: Lion's Mane
Habitat: Dead or dying trees
Notes: This fungus, despite its unusual appearance, is a great edible.



Name: Deathcap
Habitat: Grows under oaks
Notes: Originally from Europe, this mushroom was accidentally brought to California. The greenish color of the cap makes it distinctive from most other mushrooms.



Name: Blue-Green Stropharia
Habitat: Mulch
Notes: This fantastic fungus is one of the few truly blue mushrooms out there.

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