
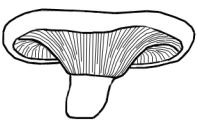











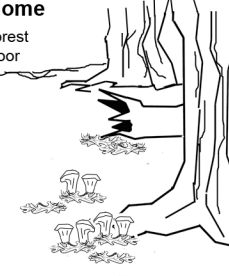

	January	<h1>Lobster Mushroom</h1> <h2><i>Hypomyces lactifluorum</i></h2>		<p>Mycological Society of America - <a href="https://msafungi">https://msafungi</a>  <b>Mycophilia: Revelations From the Weird World of Mushrooms</b> by Eugenia Bone (book)  <b>Fantastic Fungi</b> documentary</p>		
	February	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="284 294 479 451">  <p><i>Russula brevipes</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="487 273 795 493"> <p><i>Hypomyces lactifluorum</i> is a mushroom that is parasitic on other mushrooms, especially <i>Russula brevipes</i> and <i>Lactarius piperatus</i>. It changes their shape, color (to orange) and flavor before they sprout from the forest floor.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="803 283 990 493">  <p><i>Russula brevipes</i> infected by <i>Hypomyces lactifluorum</i></p> </div> </div>		<p><b>Coloring Guide</b>  reddish orange, like a cooked lobster on the outside, orangeish white on the inside</p>		
	March					
	April			<p><b>Size</b>  The Lobster mushroom is the size of its host mushrooms, cap: 6-30 cm (2.4-12") diam, stipe: 3-8 cm (1.4-3") long. However, the cap is deformed into a funnel by the parasite.</p>		
	May					
	June			<p><b>Other Characteristics</b>  The Lobster mushroom is edible, with a slight sea-food taste and dense flesh. Find a mushroomer and go hunting with him or her to learn to recognize and gather it.</p>		
	July					
	August					
	September			<p><b>What eats Lobster Mushrooms:</b>  squirrels, chipmunks and other rodents, skunks, shrews, moles, deer and turtles, fly and beetle larvae</p>		
	October					
	November	<p><b>Family Relations</b>  <i>Hypomyces lactifluorum</i> is in the <b>Hypomyces Genus</b> (parasitic), <b>Hypocreacea Family</b> (bright colors) <b>Hypocreales Order</b> (bright colors), <b>Sodiariomycetes Class</b> (filamentous), <b>Ascomycota Phylum</b> (has spore sacs) and <b>Fungi Kingdom</b> (eat by absorption, move by growing filaments)</p>	<p><b>North American Distribution</b></p> 	<p><b>Habitat</b> (home/food/water)  temperate forests of coniferous or deciduous trees where <i>Russula</i> or <i>Lactarius</i> live</p>	<p><b>Home</b>  forest floor</p> 	<p><b>What Lobster Mushrooms consume:</b>  they are parasitic on <i>Russula</i> and <i>Lactarius</i> mushrooms</p>
	December					

GO HUNTING WITH EXPERIENCED MUSHROOMERS **BEFORE** TRYING WILD MUSHROOMS!