

Field Guide

Pellston, Michigan, USA Aquatic Life and Shoreline Species in and along Douglas Lake

Fungi and Lichens



1. Phellinus tremulae

Aspen Bracket: Common hoof
fungus found only on quaking
and bigtooth aspen. The fruiting
body is fan-shaped with a dark
upper surface covered in hairs
that pales toward the edges.
Darken and and crack with age.
Thicken as the tree grows.



2. Cladonia cristatella
British Soldier Lichen: Grayish
green, tree-like lichen standing
1 inch tall. Distinctive red caps
form the end of each branch.



3. Physcia aipolia
Hoary Rosette Lichen: Common
lichen growing in well-lit,
nutrient dense areas. Found on a
variety of trees. Generally pale
blue to gray with many small
dark rings (apothecia).



4. Cladonia verticallata
Ladder Lichen: Paler greengray tiers of stacked cups.
Found in low productivity
acidic environments.



5. Gloeophyllum sepiarium
Conifer Mazegill:
Wood decay fungus causing
brown rot. Grows in thin, dark
brown/green brackets on dead
conifers. Fan shaped, velvety
smooth cap.



6. Russula rosacea
Blood Red Russula: Bright red,
fading to rose colored mushroom
with a large cap that grows in
association with conifer trees.



7. Amanita brunnescens
Brown American Star-footed
Amanita: Medium-large, convex
to flat top with a low central hump.
Closely spaced gills do not touch
the stem. Hollow stalk.



8. Amanita flavoconia
Yellow Patches: Small to
medium, fragile, with a slender
stalk. Felty warts are scattered
over a yellowish sticky cap. Gills
are free from stalk.



9. Amanita fulva
Tawny Grisette: Orangebrown cap, paler toward the
margin and darker at the
center. Smooth white stem,
and free close gills.



10. Fomes excavatus
Tinder Polypore: Large hoof
fungus, varies in color from silver
gray to black and brown. Grows
on the sides of trees and logs.



11. Cladonia rangiferina
Gray Reindeer Lichen: Light
colored branching lichen. Found
in well-drained, open
environments. Extremely coldhardy.



12. Gymnopus dryophilus
Oak-loving Gymnopus: Reddishbrown to ochre cap. Crowded gills
thinly attached to the stem. Often
grows in arcs or "fairy rings."



13. Hemileccinum subglabripes Smoothish-stemmed Bolete: Light brown cap with a yellow stem. Long thin stem and under side of cap have pores instead of gills.



14. Pleurotus populinus
Aspen Oyster Mushroom:
Oyster shell to fan-shaped caps.
Margin roles inward. Color
ranges from ivory to pink to
orange-gray. Briad white gills.
Found on the dead wood of
aspen and cottonwood trees.



15. Entoloma strictius
Straight-stalked Entoloma:
Medium sized, dark to grayish
brown, conic cap on a grayish stalk.
Gills are pinkish when mature.
Often found under oaks, beech,
and other hardwoods.



16. Neofavolus alveolaris
Hexagonal-pored Polypore:
Fungus grows on trees. Its kidney/
fan shaped body has 0.5-3 in.
diameter. Initially reddish,
becomes cream as it dries. Pores
under cap are angular to hexagonal.



17. Chlorociboria aeruginascens Green Wood Cup: Small, green, saucer-shaped mushroom generally found on bark-free decaying wood.



18. Hericium erinaceus
Lion's-mane Mushroom:
Medium to large, white, fleshy
mushroom with long downward
projecting spines. Surfaces
become brown or dingy yellow
with age. Grows from cracks or
knot holes of deciduous trees,
logs, and stumps.



19. Craterellus fallax
Eastern Black Trumpet: Small
to medium. Very thin funnelshaped cap. No gills. Stalk and
cap are dark grayish brown.