

INFORMATION ABOUT CMS

The Colorado Mycological Society is a non-profit corporation established in 1967 to advance the understanding of, and to stimulate interest in, the field of mycology. Our members collect specimens for identification, preservation and study. CMS is affiliated with the North American Mycological Association [NAMA]. CMS provides consulting services to the Denver Botanic Gardens and the Rocky Mountain Poison Center.

CMS meetings provide an informal opportunity to socialize and exchange information with others interested in mycology. Each meeting features a lecture and/or slide presentation on mycology or a related subject. Speakers include nationally known mycologists, outside specialists and knowledgeable members.

CMS offers free use of its mycology reference library to CMS members. We also offer a variety of new books for sale at each meeting. The books are usually available to members at a discount.

Visitors & members are encouraged to bring the mushrooms they find to the meetings. Experienced members are happy to help you identify the mushrooms you have found.

Meetings are usually held on the second Monday night of each month, from March through October, at 7:30 PM at the Denver Botanic Gardens, 1005 York street. The meetings are in Mitchell Hall. There is no charge to get into the Botanic Gardens to attend a CMS meeting.

Mushroom forays are led by knowledgeable members of CMS to different locations around the state. We usually hold forays on Saturday or Sunday. These forays are limited to members. Forays are probably the best way to learn to recognize different kinds of mushrooms.

Classes in beginning mushroom identification are offered periodically. CMS also sponsors classes on growing edible mushrooms, mushroom photography and other subjects.

A mushroom fair is held each year in August at the Denver Botanic Gardens. August is the height of the mushroom season in Colorado, and members from around the state bring in a large variety of mushrooms for identification and display. The fair is open to the general public on Sunday. It is a great time to learn about mushrooms!

**ALL CMS MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO VISITORS
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INTRODUCTION

There are no secret mushroom collecting areas. The only "secrets" are knowing the habits and ecology of the fungi. This book is designed to offer some suggestions of alternative sites to take the pressure off a few popular areas. These areas have become popular chiefly due to their convenience, not their productivity, and it is appropriate to give them a break. Mushroom hunters usually resent going to a special area and finding signs that a crowd of hunters has been there before them. Our hope is that you will use this book to develop your own list of preferred locations.

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