

Mushroom Observer and the Role of Observations

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Who am I?

- ◆ Naturalist
- ◆ Citizen Mycologist
- ◆ Software Professional
- ◆ Creator of Mushroom Observer
- ◆ Director of Biodiversity Informatics for EOL
- ◆ Director of the MBL Center for Library and Informatics



Armillaria mellea (Vahl) P. Kumm.
California, USA
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<http://mushroomobserver.org>

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Observation Changed

Peltigera polydactylon (Neck.)
Hoffm. (100114)
[Parque Nacional Cofre de Perote, Mpio de Perote, Veracruz, Mexico](#)



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Observation Changed

Psilocybe (Fr.) P. Kumm. (100137)
[Capira, Panama Province, Panama](#)
2012-07-12: Eduardo A. Esquivel Rios

Mushroom Observer

<http://mushroomobserver.org>

- ◆ Community-based
- ◆ Global
- ◆ Open:
 - ◆ Source
 - ◆ Content
 - ◆ to Change



Clavaria sulcata (Overeem) R.H. Petersen
New Zealand
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Images	232528
Observations	94498
Listed Taxa	29683
Observed Taxa	8858
Authored Name Descriptions	1447
Defined Locations	5470
Authored Location Descriptions	540
Species Lists	291
Species List Entries	49478
Proposed IDs	111464
Comments	54311
Votes	165079
Members	3295



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Mushroom Observer

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- ◆ Records:
 - ◆ Who
 - ◆ What
 - ◆ Where
 - ◆ When
 - ◆ Images
 - ◆ Notes



Auriscalpium vulgare Gray

California, USA

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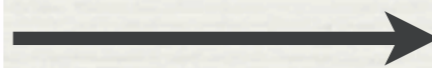
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File usage

The following pages on the English Wikipedia link to this file

- [Agaricaceae](#)
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Global file usage

The following other wikis use this file:

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Automated Data Sharing

The screenshot shows the EOL (Encyclopedia of Life) website interface. At the top left is the EOL logo and the text "Encyclopedia of Life". To the right is a search bar with the text "Search EOL ..." and a "GO" button. Below this is the "Mushroom Observer" project page. The page features a profile picture of a mushroom with eyes, the title "Mushroom Observer", and the text "Last updated 2 days ago". There are social media buttons for "Tweet" (with a count of 0) and "Like". A paragraph of text describes the project as a collaborative mycology-related website. Below the text are navigation options: "SORT COLLECTION BY" (set to "Oldest") and "VIEW AS" (set to "Gallery"). A pagination bar shows page numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ..., 120, 121, 122, and "Next". On the left side, there are several boxes: "Collection newsfeed", "Managers", "18251 total items", "eol 2708 taxa", and "613 articles". The main content area displays a grid of ten small images of various mushrooms and fungi.

Occurrence Map for *Agaricus campestris* L.



Species Treatments

Diagnostic Description:

Cap: 2-10cm wide; usually overlapping or in a row or a rosette; kidney shaped, also described as fan shaped, sometimes fused laterally; can be flat to wavy; multicolored concentric zoning on the upper surface; zones alternate between velvety and smooth; color varies quite a bit, shades of brown, orange, tan, and gray are the most common, and colors alternate light and dark; flesh is leathery, 1-3mm thick; caps are stalkless.

Pore surface: whitish-gray; normally 3-5 pores per mm; pores are angular to circular; tubes are 1-2 mm long.

Spores: spores $5-6 \times 1.5-2\mu\text{m}$; cylindrical to sausage-shaped; smooth; hyaline. Spore print is white.

Hyphal system: trimitic; generative hyphae are thin-walled with clamps, 2.5-3 μm in diameter; skeletal hyphae thick-walled, nonseptate, 4-6 μm in diameter; binding hyphae are also thick-walled, nonseptate, heavily branched, 2-4 μm in diameter.

Sexuality: Heterothallic

Type of rot: White



Trametes versicolor (L.) Lloyd

California, USA

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Computable Descriptions

Class: SV1235

EquivalentTo:

Fungus

and (hasOverallShape some Shelf)

and (hasHymenophoreShape some Pored)

and (hasHymenophoreColor some White)

and ((hasSurfaceColor some Brown)

or (hasSurfaceColor some DarkBrown)

or (hasSurfaceColor some LightBrown)

or (hasSurfaceColor some Orange)

or (hasSurfaceColor some Gray))

and (hasSporePrint some Obtainable)

and (hasSporePrintColor some White)

and (hasTaste some Mild)

SubClassOf:

FungusDescriptiveVernacular





Trametes versicolor (L.) Lloyd

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Identifications & Dialog

Proposed Names: [Propose Another Name](#)

Proposed Name	User	Community Vote	Your Vote	
Calvatia indigo	pg_harvey	9% (6)	<input type="text" value="Doubtful"/>	
Recognized by sight				
Bovista indigo	shroomydan	-51% (5)	<input type="text" value="Doubtful"/>	
Recognized by sight				

For each name listed above select your opinion of how well that name applies to this observation. Select 'Propose Another Name' if you want to suggest another option. See the [How to Use](#) page for more details on how the votes are tallied.

 = Observer's choice

 = Current consensus

Comments: [Add Comment](#)

Created: **2011-04-01 14:23:15 EDT (-0400)**

By: [else](#)

Summary: **i love the first of April!**

Map: [Hide thumbnail map.](#)

Images: [\(small thumbnails\)](#)



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People

- ◆ “If you treat them as your most important asset, they will return the favor by becoming your most important asset”
- ◆ Enjoy the struggle, encourage humor



Homo sapiens L. &
Gyroporus cyanescens (Bull.) Qué.
Massachusetts, USA
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People

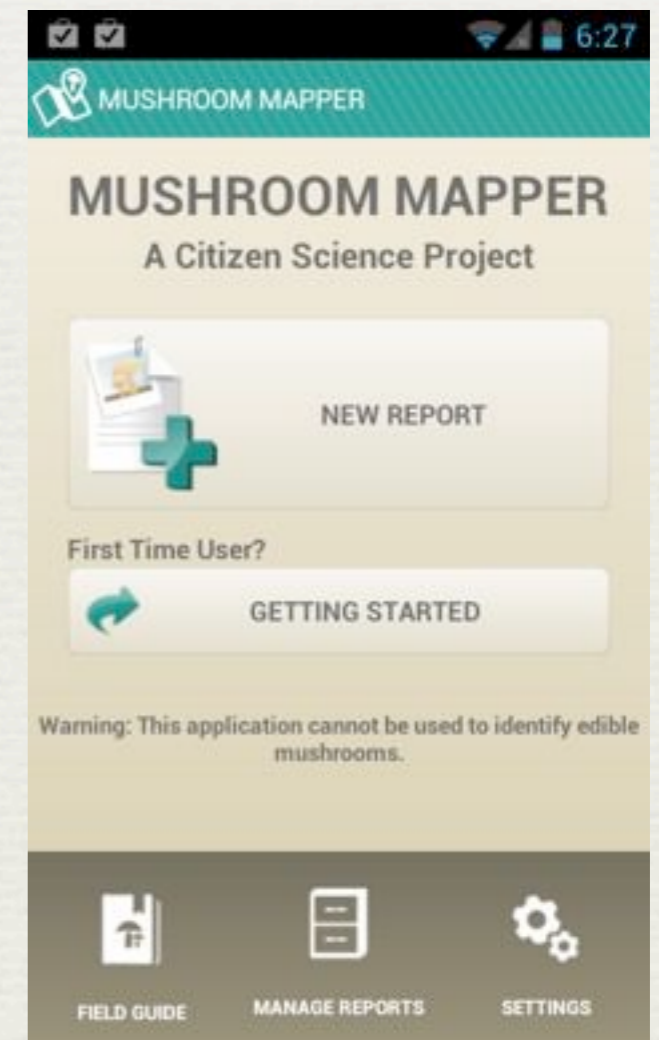
- ◆ We are generally lazy
- ◆ Avoid anonymity & privacy
- ◆ Deal carefully with conflicts
- ◆ What do we mean by expertise?
- ◆ Dealing with garbage



Homo sapiens L. &
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Keeping It Fresh!

- ◆ Make it easy to find what's new
- ◆ Design for change
- ◆ Adding new features
 - ◆ Computable descriptions
 - ◆ Mobile app
(alpha test tomorrow, Android only)



Erik Lilleskov
<http://mushroommapper.org>

What is a species?

- ◆ Concept: "A group of organisms capable of interbreeding and producing fertile offspring"
- ◆ Definition: Type specimen, a name, and a circumscription that is **believed** to describe the species that specimen belongs to



Morchella importuna M.Kuo,
O'Donnell & T.J. Volk
California, USA
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What is a species?

- ◆ "Without a sequenced specimen, it's a rumor."
- ◆ With one it is still only a hypothesis



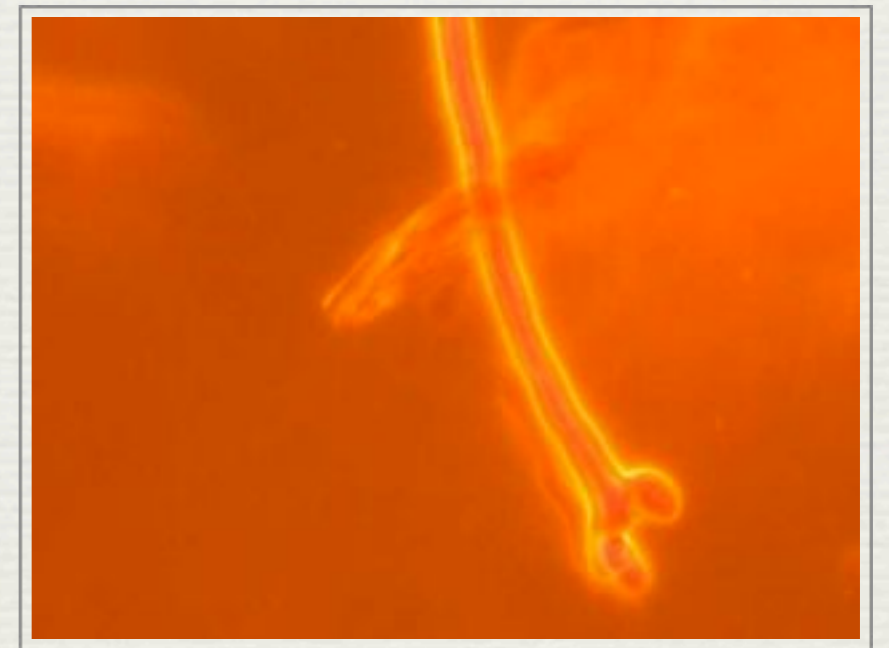
Agaricus subrufescens Peck

California, USA

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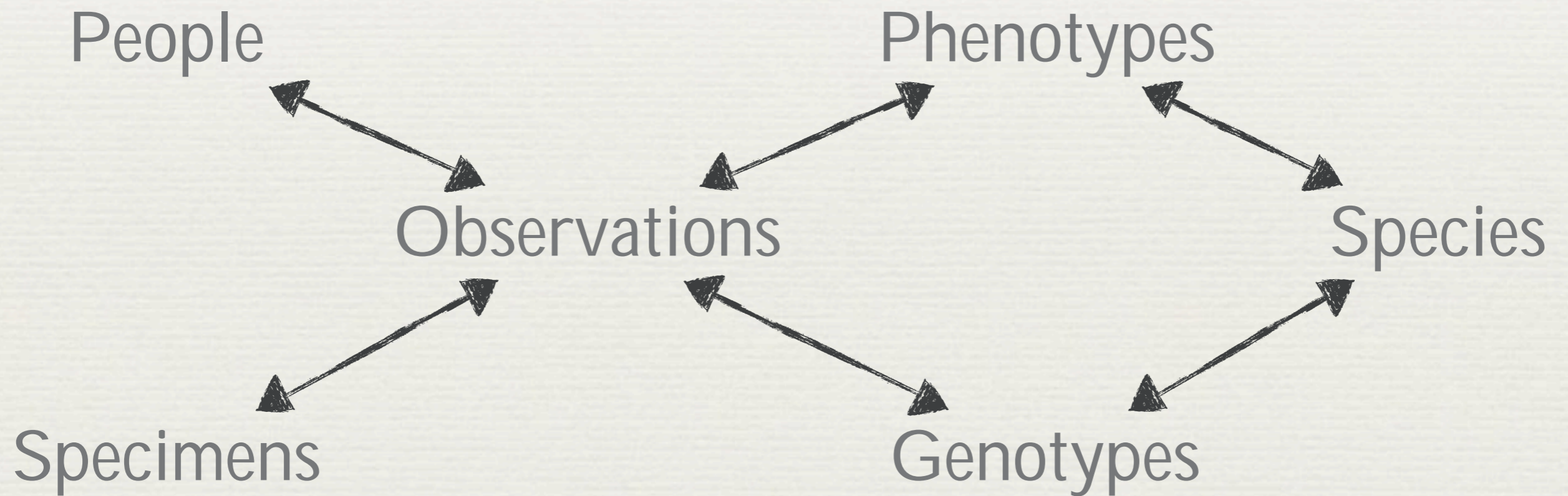
What is an observation?

- ◆ Just the Facts
- ◆ 'Metadata': Who, When and Where
- ◆ Images & Notes
- ◆ Observed Features
- ◆ Sequence Data



Digital Photomicrograph of
Amylosporus campbellii (Berk.) Ryvarden
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Summary



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Cantharellus californicus Arora & Dunham

California, USA

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