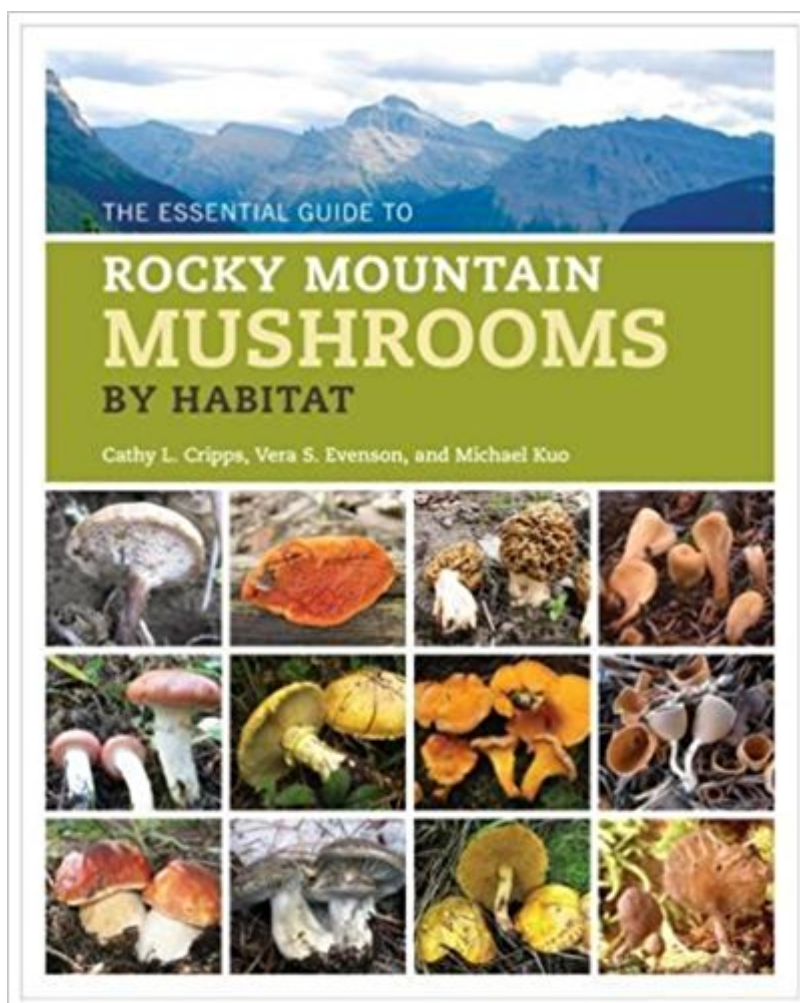


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The Essential Guide To Rocky Mountain Mushrooms By Habitat



Synopsis

From grassland fairy circles to alpine nano-shrooms, the Rocky Mountain region invites mushroom hunters to range through a mycological nirvana. Accessible and scientifically up-to-date, *The Essential Guide to Rocky Mountain Mushrooms by Habitat* is the definitive reference for uncovering post-rain rarities and kitchen favorites alike. Dazzling full-color photos highlight the beauty of hundreds of species. Easy-to-navigate entries offer essential descriptions and tips for identifying mushrooms, including each species' edibility, odor, taste, and rumored medicinal properties. The authors organize the mushrooms according to habitat zone. This ecology-centered approach places each species among surrounding flora and fauna and provides a trove of fascinating insights on how these charismatic fungi interact with the greater living world.

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An eco-centric approach to the search for fungi

This is one of two excellent mushroom guide books for the Rocky Mountain Region and in my case, Colorado. The only other field guide that comes close is the book titled "Mushrooms of the Rocky Mountain Region: Timber Press Field Guide (A Timber Press Field Guide)", which is also authored by Vera S. Evenson from the Denver Botanical Gardens. In my opinion the two are complimentary guides and the best I have found for our region. *This book's main strength lies in the fact that it is arranged *BY HABITAT*. For those of us who are new to mushroom hunting this is the best one for me as I can pick habitat areas to forage in for the mushrooms I am looking for. Excellent guide, can't recommend a better book, except for maybe the other one I mentioned above already. I disagree with one of the other reviews that gave only one star, this book is exactly the book for a beginner like me, and near the end of each segment it tells whether they are toxic or not.

Didn't really "speak to me" ... the book was lacking in varieties of mushrooms I've found in MT and descriptions weren't what I expected... sorry

Fantastic. Finally something specifically for my region.

Great book. Very well done!

This is a wonderful book, by one of our very best western mycologists and teachers, Dr. Cathy Cripps. It is full of first hand knowledge of the intricate natural communities found throughout the Rocky Mountain area, and the fungi that intertwine and connect with all of life within those communities. Only the most visually prominent and interesting of the fungi found in each unique habitat (prairies, aspen groves, snowmelt, fir forests, etc.) are described, along with its companion plants and animals. If there has been rain in the Rockies, and you go to the described habitat, you will find many of these fungi! This is far from a mushroom cookbook or a mere focus on edible mushrooms, but a wonderful guide to how fungi play an important role in all of these many marvelously described mountain communities. I can't wait to bring this book along with me when I travel again to the SW and S. CO this summer. Telluride Mushroom Festival goes: buy this book! It will deepen your appreciation for those always dramatic, mushroom-filled landscapes, and it is

lightweight enough to carry in your backpack.

This was the missing link I was looking for concerning the types of terrain and trees to look for when foraging for mushrooms in the mountains. If you are looking for a beginning mushrooming book concerning what is edible or not, this is not the book for you !!! This book is a very well rounded book for the whole ecology of the Rocky Mountains and the mushrooms that grow there so if your interests in mycology involve seeing the big picture of things, this book is for you :)

TOTALLY USELESS BOOK unless you are a mushroom scientist. Look, we collect mushrooms to EAT them. This book has no information on whether a mushroom is delicious or going to kill you. Wish I hadn't wasted my money.

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