

## Websites for fungi

I often use several sites when trying to identify a fungus and I have found it to be very helpful to use as wide a range of pictures as possible due to the variability of fungi as they develop. Many fungi cannot be identified from pictures because they need microscopic analysis of their structure and spores to confirm their identity.

<https://www.first-nature.com/index.php> General website on flora & fauna with a very good fungi section. The index is easy to use and you can choose between ordering the list of fungi either by common name or Latin name. There is also a very good section Fungi Identification Guide. Generally, a lot of good information given with helpful pictures.

<https://www.naturespot.org.uk/gallery/fungi> General wildlife website for Leicestershire and Rutland so very relevant for Corby – fungi and lichen sections ok - good pictures and info on what they have on the site.

[http://www.messiah.edu/Oakes/fungi\\_on\\_wood/index.htm](http://www.messiah.edu/Oakes/fungi_on_wood/index.htm) An American site that is good for fungi that grow on wood but only uses Latin names.

<http://www.mykoweb.com/CAF/index.html> Fungi of California lots of pictures good for confirmation of identity.

<http://www.mushroomexpert.com/index.html> American site but good if you want to confirm anything lots of detail and references.

<https://www.mycodb.fr/list.php> A French site that has a very large number of photographs of fungi. I have found this helpful despite my having no understanding of French – [Google translate](#) helps.

**Facebook** there are a number of Facebook groups that offer help to identify fungi from pictures you have taken. (Remember to take pictures of the top and under surface of the fungus as a minimum). I've listed three below but there are more

The British Mycological Society

Crust Fungi and Polypores

NHM UK Biodiversity – this group covers all wildlife not just fungi

There's an app for computer and phone which is quite good for fungi on trees it has been created by a firm of arboricultural consultants.

<http://tma-fungi.co.uk>