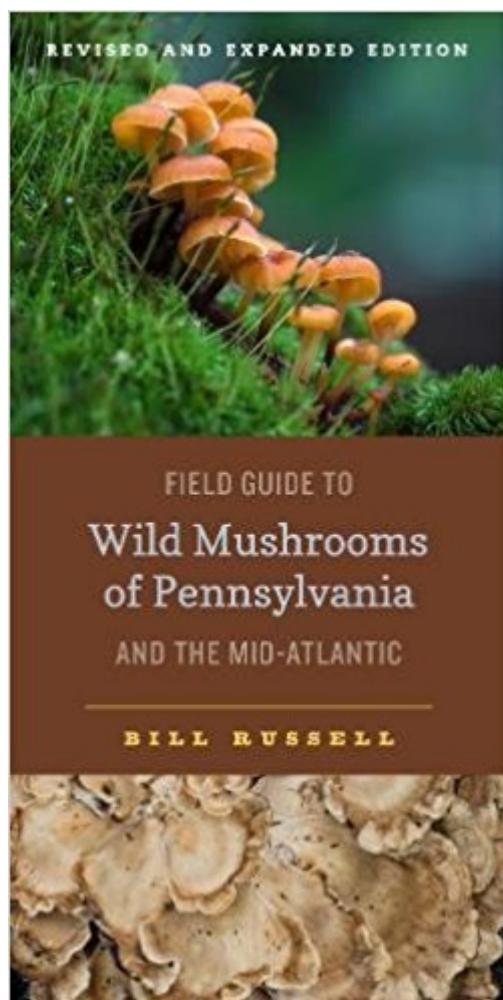


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Field Guide To Wild Mushrooms Of Pennsylvania And The Mid-Atlantic: Revised And Expanded Edition (Keystone Books)



Synopsis

This revised and expanded edition of mushroom expert Bill Russell's popular Field Guide to Wild Mushrooms of Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic provides both novice and experienced mushroom foragers with detailed, easy-to-use information about more than one hundred species of these fungi, including twenty-five varieties not found in the previous guide. From the Morel to the Chanterelle to the aptly named Chicken of the Woods, mushrooms of the mid-Atlantic region can be harvested and enjoyed, if you know where to look. Each entry in this field guide contains a detailed description, current scientific classification, key updates and information from recent studies, and high-quality color photographs to aid in identification. Thoughtfully organized by season, the guide shows you how to locate and identify the most common mushrooms in the region and recognize look-alikes—and explains what to do with edible mushrooms once you've found them. Featuring over one hundred full-color illustrations and distilling Russell's fifty years of experience in hunting, studying, and teaching about wild mushrooms, Field Guide to Wild Mushrooms of Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic is an indispensable reference for curious hikers, amateur biologists, adventurous chefs, and mycophiles of all stripes.

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Customer Reviews

Bill Russell has been giving mushroom workshops, walks, and talks since 1960. In 1992 he developed unique mushroom-cultivation methods that resulted in his business, Mushroom Kingdom Laboratories, which specializes in the commercial propagation of wild mushrooms. Founder and

past president of the Central Pennsylvania Mushroom Society, Russell is a longtime resident of State College, Pennsylvania. Learn more at <http://www.brmushrooms.com>.

This book has great pictures and lovely descriptions of local mushrooms. It's focused primarily on edible mushrooms and poisonous mushrooms that you need to be especially careful with. It doesn't even cover all of the edible mushrooms that I have encountered in this area -- no Hohenbuelia, for example. As such, it leaves out descriptions of inedible mushrooms that I still want to learn more about just from a naturalist's point of view. (Also, if you are looking for psychoactive mushrooms, this won't help at all.) It also doesn't provide photographs of the lookalikes -- for example, the pictures it gives for chanterelles and jack o' lanterns is really not sufficient for identifying confusing mushrooms that look like they might be either one. There aren't color photos of spore prints or what the cross section of mushroom caps looks like. Basically, this is a good reference book to have, but don't take this book out into the woods and start gathering mushrooms for dinner. Use it as a starting point and do more research on the mushrooms you find or get an expert opinion.

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