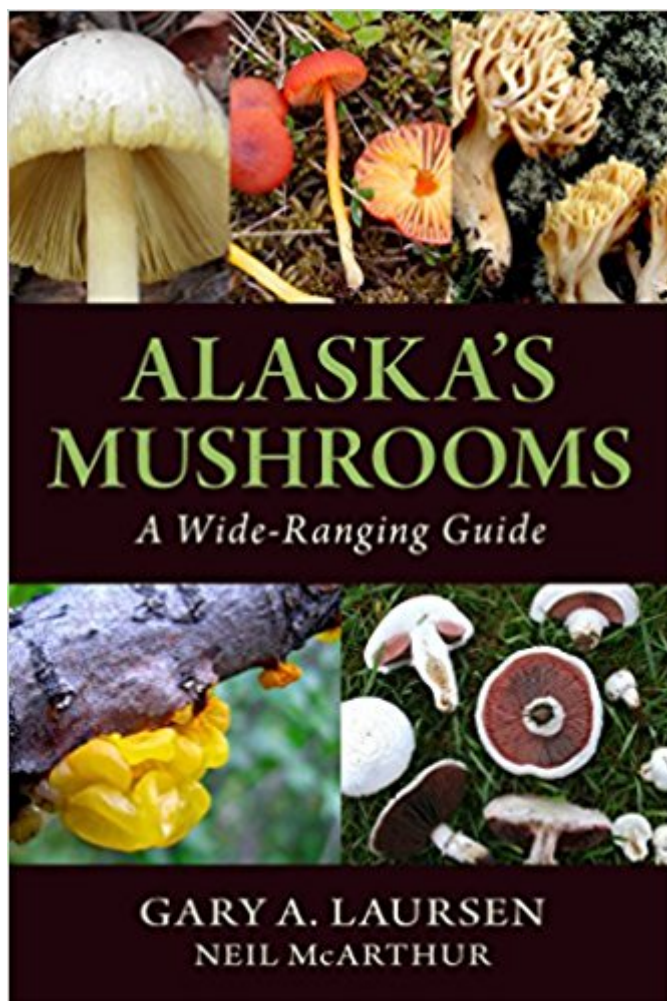


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# Alaska's Mushrooms: A Wide-Ranging Guide



## Synopsis

For the seriously dedicated as well as the merely curious *Alaska's Mushrooms* is a wide-ranging guide to the fungi of the Last Frontier. The book, featuring detailed descriptions of 114 species, includes: color photographs; family and common names; genus and species; striking field characters; both a macro- & micro-description; habitat and role; edibility, taste, and odor; look-alikes, and comments. This comprehensive collection also provides information on mushroom seasons and habitats hints for collecting mushrooms for food and study tips on how to tell the real mushrooms from their "imposters" directions for making spore prints (an essential test for identifying mushrooms) hundreds of black-and-white line drawings a section listing all poisonous mushrooms by toxin groups a list of frequently asked questions a range map of Alaska's biogeographic zones *Alaska's Mushrooms* provides authoritative natural history, informative color photographs, and black-and-white line drawings for clear identification, and lively notes from the field. It's a must-have for anyone who has a passion for hunting mushrooms.

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The book is great. As an Alaskan mushroom hunter it's a very helpful addition to the many field guides I already own. I especially appreciate that it's specific to the region and by an expert Alaskan mycologist. My issue is purely a technological one. I purchased the digital Kindle version and it is riddled with strange typographical errors. There are words that are obviously missing letters, mostly at the beginning of paragraphs (such as the word "This" appearing as "is."). Many words with double consonants are screwed up, like the word "flattened" appearing as "flaened." Several places have words that are literally on top of one another. Through the entire book.

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