

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS AND MUSHROOMERS!

If you sight this mushroom in a 5-needle pine forest (only!!), you can participate in Citizen Science in a few ways:

- 1) send a photo of your sighting and the location with 5-needle tree host to: ccripps@montana.edu

Then we can discuss

- 2) mailing dried specimens to Cathy Cripps (see instructions)
- 3) bringing dried specimens to the 2010 NAMA Foray at Snow Mt Ranch

Directions for mailing:

1. Collect whole 'mushrooms', avoid really wormy ones, and remove soil from base as best you can.
2. Wrap in wax paper like a tootsie roll (do not use a plastic bags), or maybe use small paper bags. Keep each 'collection' (group of mushrooms that look alike) in a separate bag or piece of wax paper (important so spores don't get mixed).
3. The most difficult part is to get them back before they get mushy. Put in a cooler if possible for travel. Keep in shade. These mushrooms deteriorate fast!
4. Then dry the mushrooms. You can use a food dehydrator, a window screen in the sun, or hang on a string. Make sure they are dry before sending.
5. Include a data label for each group: tree species (limber), location (general description, and GPS if you have it), date, soil type if you have it (calcareous/not), & your name.
6. Wrap each dried collection in a newspaper packet.
7. Mail as soon as possible to the address below!!
8. **or send a few samples or photos first, so we can confirm that you have the correct *Suillus*.**

Please mail to:

Cathy L. Cripps Ph.D

*Mycologist, Associate Professor
Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology Department
119 Plant Biosciences Building
Montana State University
Bozeman MT 59717-3150*

**Only send mushrooms from confirmed 5-needle pine forests!
Your efforts are appreciated for our research to:**

Help Save the 5-needle Pines!

**ONLY FOR WASHINGTON, OREGON,
IDAHO, B.C AND ALBERTA CANADA
AND COLORADO (LIMBER PINE).**