CAERHAYS CASTLE FUNGUS SURVEY 28.09.2021

40 ACRE WOOD

Basidiomycetes

Hyphoderma setigerum on fallen Prunus sp. Skeletocutis nivea Henningsomyces candidus Cerioporus squamosus 'Dryad's Saddle' on Acer pseudoplatanus Stereum ochraceoflavum on Prunus laurocerasus Exidiopsis calcea on P.laurocerasus Favolaschia calocera 'Orange Pore Fungus' native of Madagascar first appeared in the UK at Envs in 2012, now spreading throughout the County. Saprotrophic on a number of hosts. Dacrymyces stillatus Ganoderma australe 'Southern Bracket' on Fagus sylvatica Macrolepiota procera ' Parasol ' Agaricus moelleri 'Inky Mushroom' stains yellow when scratched. Rhodotus palmatus 'Wrinkled Peach' on Ulmus sp. Entoloma rhombisporum possibly. Stereum gausapatum 'Bleeding Oak Crust' Trametes versicolor 'Turkey Tail' Hygrophoropsis aurantiaca 'False Chanterelle' Bjerkandera adusta 'Smoky Bracket'

Ascomycetes

Hypoxylon rubiginosum Hypoxylon fragiforme Lasiosphaeria ovina Chlorociboria sp. dead oak stained green by the presence of mycelium, no apothecia seen. Kretzschmaria deusta 'Brittle Cinder' on Fagus sylvatica.

Myxomycetes

Lycogala epidendron Ceratiomyxa fructiculosa

Castle Wood

Basidiomycetes

Agaricus urinascens part of a large ring on the castle lawn. Agaricus campestris on a grass terrace behind the castle. Fistulina hepatica on Quercus sp. Hypholoma fasciculare 'Sulphur Tuft' on stump. Scleroderma citrinum 'Common Earthball' Meripilus giganteus on roots of fallen Fagus sylvatica Ganoderma australe Favolaschia calocera on Cunninghamia lanceolata (?) first record for this species on an gymnosperm I suspect. Grifola frondosa on stump Agrocybe sp. on disturbed ground and Pinus debris. Assistance sought from a Kew mycologist as spores too small to be the usual wrinkled capped Agrocybe with which it shares some features. Voucher specimen

The paucity of fungal species is no doubt mostly due to the extremely dry September. There is plenty of dead wood for fungi and invertebrates to thrive on. The large beech trunks may prove to be especially interesting for fungi as they decay. The old lawns and grassland could be a rich habitat for grassland species later in the autumn.

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saved.

Many thanks to Charles Williams for the invitation to record at Caerhays.

ENTOMOLOGICAL RECORDS

Nebria brevicollis a carabid beetle Rhopalomesites tardyi 'Holly weevil'

Gastropods Limax maxima 'Leopard slug'