

## Fungi of Grasslands and Pastures

In general 2020 has been disappointing year for woodland fungi. Several people have commented on the sparsity of species of *Lactarius* and *Russula*. In contrast, this year has revealed a wonderful display of grassland fungi, notably many Waxcaps, which in some places were both very numerous and also very large. Below you will see some of the examples seen in the area.

*Porpolomopsis calyptiformis*, seen on several sites



*Hygrocybe coccinea*, very common and often quite large



*Cuphophyllus pratensis*, another species seen in large quantities



*Hygrocybe punicea*, many large specimens seen throughout the SW



*Gliophorus psittacinus*, a species that was seen commonly and in various colour forms, varying from the standard green through bright yellow to deep blue





*Gliophorus irrigatus*, an extremely slimy species



*Cystoderma amianthinum*, common on both acidic and calcareous soils



*Geoglossum atropurpureum*, one of several different Earth Tongues seen this autumn



*Hygrocybe fornicata*. A dull inconspicuous species





*Macrolepiota procera*, the Common Parasol frequented rough pastures



*Macrolepiota fuliginosa*, a smaller parasol was sometimes found on the same sites



*Panaeolus papilionaceus*, commonly found in association with dung of grazing animals



*Psilocybe semilanceata*

