

Tyntesfield Audit, 27 February 2024

In a break in the almost continuous rains of February, we managed to find a dryish morning for this latest Audit. We were rewarded by some spectacular examples of some mostly common fungi. These are illustrated below. They included masses of *Kuehneromyces mutabilis* on a felled stump in Warren Plantation and some well developed jelly fungi, including *Auricularia auricula-judae* and *Tremella mesenterica*. Large numbers of *Coprinellus micaceus* were seen associated with many of the fallen/felled trees that occur in Plantation.

We also noticed an increase in the number of fruiting bodies of *Geastrum britannicum* since January (11 earthstars under one bush and 5 under the other), a clear sign that this fungus has continued to develop throughout the winter. An analysis of the location of this earthstar since it was first seen in November 2022 has shown that it has only occurred under the same two bushes. Why it has not appeared under the many other bushes remains a mystery.

Apioperdon pyriforme
Auricularia auricula-judae
Byssomerulius corium
Calloria neglecta
Clitocybe fragrans
Coprinellus micaceus
Daldinia concentrica
Diatrype stigma
Entoloma verna
Exidia thuretiana
Galerina clavata
Galerina graminea
Geastrum britannicum
Kuehneromyces mutabilis
Leptosphaeria acuta

Panaeolus acuminatus
Panellus stipticus
Peniophora lycii
Pestalotiopsis funerea
Polyporus squamosus
Puccinia buxi
Ramularia ari
Sarcoscypha austriaca
Stereum hirsutum
Stereum rugosum
Trametes versicolor
Tremella mesenterica
Trichaptum abietinum
Tubaria furfuracea
Vuilleminia comedens

Kuehneromyces mutabilis - Sheathed Woodtuft: providing a magnificent display in Warren Plantation. They were clearly visible from the upper track..



Two Jelly Fungi - *Auricularia auricula-judae* - Jelly Ear: an extensive growth on fallen beech in Warren Plantation (left) and *Tremella mesenterica* - Yellow Brain on felled lime amongst the log pile at the top of Plantation.



***Geastrum britannicum* - Vaulted Earthstar: new fruiting structures continue to develop under two Yew shrubs below the house.**



***Coprinellus micaceus* - Glistening Inkcap: these were common around rotting trees in Plantation.**

