
With an ever increasing interest in the fungi, there has developed a great need for a suitable introductory textbook in Mycology. *Introductory Mycology* has been written for the student who is beginning his study of the fungi and as the author states for one "who needs an orderly presentation of certain fundamental facts on the structure and classification of these organisms in the form of broad concepts and patterns, without the innumerable details and exceptions which make the study of fungi so fascinating for the specialist, but so bewildering for the beginner." The book includes one chapter on the bacteria, which in a text in Mycology is unusual, but certainly not out of place. In another chapter the slime molds are discussed while the remaining 15 chapters are devoted to the various groups of fungi including one short chapter on the lichens. Well selected references are included at the end of each chapter. A glossary of mycological terms with their derivations is included. The derivations of these terms are also found in the text when the word is first used.

The text is well illustrated with excellent photographs and line drawings expertly done. An outstanding feature is the inclusion of illustrated life cycles of many of the fungi and slime molds discussed.

The book reads easily and should excel as a text for introductory courses in Mycology. The author is Professor of Botany and Plant Pathology at Michigan State College.

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