# NSA Nature Club FUNGI/MOSS/ LICHEN



Discover the amazing diversity and beauty of fungi, moss and lichen.

To earn these badges, you will need to complete the six activities listed below. For the last activity, you can choose your own and fill in the box. Have fun learning about fungi.

| Level 1   | Level 2   | Level 3   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Search for fungi, lichen and moss in your yard and local area.                  | Search for fungi, lichen and moss in your yard and local area. Find an example of each. | Search for fungi, lichen and moss in your yard and local area. Find a few examples of each. |  |
| For each one you find, describe what you see.                                   | For each one you find, describe what you see.   | For each one you find, describe what you see. Look closely at them with a magnifying glass. |  |
| With a mushroom field guide, identify the mushrooms you found.                  | With a mushroom field guide, identify the mushrooms you found.                          | Describe any insects living on the fungi, lichen or moss.                                   |  |
| Look closely at the moss you found with a magnifying glass. What do you notice? | Look closely at the moss you found with a magnifying glass. What do you notice?         | Make a list for what you found. Are they fungi, moss or lichen?                             |  |
| Make a spore print with a mushroom.   | Make a spore print with a mushroom.   | Record the time of year moss flowers.  Describe what you see.                               |  |
| Choose your own activity.   | Choose your own activity.   | Choose your own activity.   |  |







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| Find a mushroom or buy one from the supermarket.   | Search for fungi, lichen and moss in your yard and local area. Collect a sample of each.           | Search for fungi, lichen and moss in your yard and local area. Collect a sample of each.    |  |
| Draw your sample.                                  | For each one you find, decide if it is fungi, lichen or moss. Keep a record of where you found it. | For each one you find, describe what you see. Look closely at them with a magnifying glass. |  |
| Learn the life cycle of a mushroom.                | Research Tardigrades. If you have a microscope, try and find some in a moss sample.                | Research Tardigrades. If you have a microscope, try and find some in a moss sample.         |  |
| Learn the parts of a mushroom. Label your drawing. | Research the life cycles of fungi, lichen and moss.  | Research the life cycles of fungi, lichen and moss.   |  |
| Make a spore print with a mushroom.                | Make a spore print with a mushroom.  | Make a spore print with a mushroom.   |  |
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| Choose your own activity.                          | Choose your own activity.  | Choose your own activity.   |  |
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### LICHEN

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| Take a mushroom field guide out of the library or use your own. | Take a mushroom field guide out of the library or use your own. | Take a mushroom field guide out of the library or use your own.                       |  |
| Choose three mushrooms from the guide.                          | Find a guide that describes the different types of lichen.      | Find a guide that describes the different types of lichen.                            |  |
| Create a journal page for mushroom 1.                           | Create a mushroom journal page.                                 | Create journal pages showing the way to differentiate between fungi, lichen and moss. |  |
| Create a journal page for mushroom 2.                           | Create a lichen journal page.                                   | Create a journal page showing common mushrooms in your local area.                    |  |
| Create a journal page for mushroom 3.                           | Create a moss journal page.                                     | Create a journal page showing an ecosystem including fungi, lichen and or moss.       |  |
| Choose your own journal entry.                                  | Choose your own journal entry.                                  | Choose your own journal entry.  |  |







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Below is an easy reference chart for where you can find information and extra activities on this topic in the Nature Study Australia Guides.

| Australian Nature                                  | Australian Backyard               | Living Book Guides | Habitat Series                            |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Study Guide Volumes 1-4                            | Nature Study Guide<br>Volumes 5-8 | A Bush Calendar    | Ocean, Dessert,<br>Woodlands              |
| Vol 1  | Vol 5                             |                    | Ocean Guide                               |
| Vol 2 Lesson 2 Field<br>Mushrooms<br>Lesson 7 Moss | Vol 6                             |                    | Desert Guide                              |
| Vol 3  | Vol 7 Lesson 1 Lichen             |                    | Woodlands Guide Lesson 8 Plants and Fungi |
| Vol 4  | Vol 8                             |                    |   |
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