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Endless forms most bizarre

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Without fungi, life is radically diminished. Fungi regulate the biosphere and support the earth's ecological functioning.

As the reproductive structures of fungi, sporophores alert us to the otherwise largely inconspicuous existence of underground mycelia.

The imperative to reproduce through spore production compels the evolution of diverse morphological forms, specialist strategies, and perfectly-tuned spore-dispersal mechanisms.

The result is an almost unimaginable bevy of endless forms most bizarre.

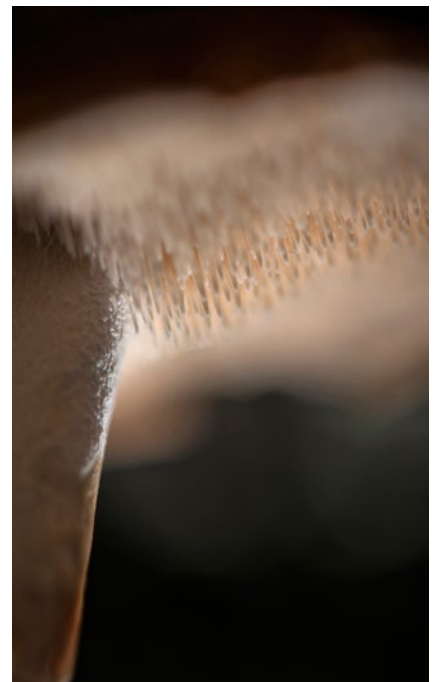
Here's just a few.



Armillaria hinnulea and *Mycena* sp.



Coprinus sp. and Hygrophorus sp.



Coprinus sp., Mycena sp. and Hydnium repandum
