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THE MEANING OF THE LATIN NAMES OF SOME LARGER FUNGI.

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This incomplete list is not an original work by a classicist or a professional mycologist. Thanks to helpful librarians it is a compilation of translations of names from some of the older books or found in dictionaries. Sometimes I have drawn a blank. Occasionally it is difficult to understand why the name was given to the fungus. In some cases I have ventured a suggestion, but such interpretations may be mistaken. I have omitted eponyms. I trust that this list will be useful to mycologists who are interested, and it may be copied freely.

Some suffixes are noteworthy because they occur frequently e.g.

-aceus, -ides, -oides, -opsis, -otus	= resembling,
-alis, -aris	= pertaining to,
-ascens, -escens, -icans	= becoming,
-aticus, -estris	= place,
-bilis	= ability, capacity,
-cola	= inhabiting,
-ceps, -cybe, -pilea	= head or cap,
-cellus, -cillus, -ellus, -illus,	
-iscus, -ium, -ulus, -ullus	= diminutives,
-folia, -phyllus	= gills,
-formis	= the shape of,
-gena	= arising from
-myces	= fungus,
-olens	= smelling of,
-oma	= margin, fringe,
-osus, -ulentus	= abundant,
-otis, -otus	= ear,
-pes, -pus	= foot,
-phila	= loving,
-trichum, -thrix	= hair.

The phrase " pertaining to" is abbreviated to p.t.

aberrans	wandering from the way
abiegna, abietinus, abietus	p.t. fir
abjecta	mean, in the sense of small
abortivus	with missing or deformed parts
abruptibulbus	with an abruptly marginate bulb
abstrusa	hidden
acerbum	bitter
acerosus	coniferous, p.t. pine needles ?
acerrimus	very sharp (Latin) (T 8)
acervatus	heaped up
acetabulum	like a vinegar cup
acicula	like a small pin
acris	sharp
acuminatus, acutus	sharp
adiposa	fat
adonis	p.t. a prince of Cyprus
adspersum	scattered
adulterina	not genuine
adustus	scorched, swarthy (red)
aegerita	p.t. black poplar

aereus like copper
aeruginosa full of copper rust, verdigris (4ed)
aestivalis p.t. summer
aethiops black
affinis related
Agaricus of the country
 agathosmus with a good smell
Agrocybe fieldhead
 albellus, *albidus* whitish
 albobrunneum white-brown
 albo-nigra white-black
 albo-violaceus white-violet
alcalina alkaline
aleuratus p.t. wheaten flour
alliaceus p.t. garlic
allutus washed
alnetorum, *alnicola*, *alniphilus* inhabiting alder
altipes with a tall foot
alutacea, *alutaria* p.t. tanned leather
amabilis worthy of love
Amanita probably p.t. Mt.Amanus in Cilicia
amara bitter
ambiguus changeable
ambusta scorched
ameides gloomy
amblyospora with dull or blunted spores ?
amianthinum unspotted
amica p.t. a friend
amicta clothed
ammophila sand loving
amoenolens pleasant smelling (4ed)
amorphus misshapen
amurceus p.t. the dregs of olive oil ?
amygdalospora with almond-shaped spores
anatina p.t. a duck *Anellaria* a small ring
androsaceus p.t. an unidentified sea-plant
angustissima very narrow
anomalus not even
annosus full of years
annulata having a ring
anthocephala p.t. a flower head
Anthracobia charcoal
antipus opposite foot
aphthosus p.t. the thrush
Aphyllophorales without gills
apicrea not bitter
apiculatus with a little point
 apium p.t. celery
aporos having spores without pores
appendiculatus with a small appendage
applanatum flattened
applicatus attached to
aprile of April
aquosa watery
 araneosum full of spiders webs
 arbustivus p.t. plantations
 arcuata curved
 aremoricus p.t. northern Gaul

- X arenicola inhabiting sand
 ✓ areolatum divided into small patches
 ✓ argillacea clay coloured
 argutus sharp
 X argyraceum silvery
 arcularius p.t. a casket
 ardosiacum p.t. water
 armeniacus apricot (from its native country, Armenia)
 X Armillaria p.t. a ring
 ✓ armillatus having a bracelet
 arquatus arched
 ✓ arvalis, arvensis p.t. cultivated fields
 arvinaceus greasy
 aseroe disgusting
 ✓ aspera rough
 aspideus like a round shield
 asprella somewhat rough
 Asterophora bearing stars
 ✓ asterospora with star-shaped spores
 Astraeus p.t. a star
 astragalinus p.t. a gold-finch
 ✓ ater, atra black
 ✓ atomata sprinkled with particles
 X atramentarius inky
 ✓ atrata clothed in black *attra = black*
 atrocinereum black-ashy
 atropuncta black-spotted
 X atropurpurea black-purple (red)
 ✓ atrosquamosum black scaly
 ✓ atrotomentosus black woolly
 augeana p.t. manure
 ✓ augustus majestic
 ✓ aurata, aurea, aureola golden
 ✓ aurantia, aurantiaca orange
 auricomus golden-haired
 auricula-Judae Jew's ear
 ✓ auriscalpium like an ear-pick
 ✓ aurivella like a golden fleece
 auroturbinatus like a golden spinning top
 ✓ australe southern
 ✓ autochthona sprung from the soil, native
 ✓ avenacea oaten
 avellanocoeruleus hazel and sky-blue
 X azonites not zoned (red)
- ✓ badius bay-brown
 baeosperma having small spores
 balaustinus p.t. a pomegranate flower
 balteatocumatilis girdled wave
 barbatulus, barbularum p.t. a little beard
 bathypora deep-pored
 ✓ bellulus little beautiful
 ✓ betularum, betuletorum, betulinus p.t. birch
 ✓ bicolor two coloured
 ✓ biennis two years
 birrum of yellow colour
 ✓ Bisparella with two drops at each end of spores?
 ✓ bisporus with two-spored basidia

- ✓ bitorquis with two necklaces
 blattaria p.t. a cockroach
 ✗ blennius mucous (Greek) (Yiay)
 ✓ bolaris, Boletus a clod
 ✓ Bolbitius p.t. cow-dung
 ✓ bombycina silky
 ✓ borealis northern
 ✓ botrytis p.t. a bunch of grapes
 ✓ bovinus p.t. oxen
 ✓ Bovista a puff-ball
 brassicola smelling of cabbage
 breviseta with short, coarse hair
 brittanicus British
 ✓ brumalis p.t. winter
 brunneoincarnata brown flesh-coloured
 ✓ bryophila moss loving
 bufonia p.t. a toad
 bulbiger bearing a bulb
 bulbosus bulbous
 Bulgaria p.t. a wineskin, leather bag
 ✗ butyracea buttery
 buxi on box leaves
- ✓ caccabus like a cooking pot
 ✓ caelatum engraved
 ✓ caerulea sky blue
 caesariata covered with hairs ✗ caesia blue-grey
 caesiocyaneus pearl grey dark blue caespitosus tufted ✓
 calamistrata curled with a curling iron
 caligata like a soldier's shoe
 caliginosus dark
 callinus p.t.a footpath made by cattle ?
 ✓ callisteus very beautiful
 ✓ Calocera beautiful horn
 calochrous beautiful skin
 ✗ Calocybe beautiful head
 calolepis beautiful scale
 ✓ calospora beautiful spore
 ✓ Calvatia bald
 calyculatus like a small cup
 ✓ calyptraeformis shaoed like a hood or veil
 Camarophyllus with vaulted gills
 camerina p.t. an arched roof
 campestris p.t. a plain
 ✗ camphoratus strong scented (Latin)
 camptophyllus with bent gills
 camurus crooked
 cancellatus like a lattice
 cancrinus p.t. a crab
 candelaris like a candle ?
 ✓ candicans, candidus shining white
 caninus p.t. a dog
 cantharellus like a drinking cup
 canus hoary
 caperatus wrinkled
 ✓ capillaris hair-like
 ✓ capnoides smoky
 capreolarius p.t. a young roebuck

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capucina like a Capuchin monk's cowl ?
capula like a small cup
✓ caput-Medusae with a head with snake-like hair
carbonaria p.t. charcoal
✓ carcharias sharp pointed
caricis growing on Carex spp.
✓ carnea fleshy
carpineti , carpini p.t. hornbeam
carpophila loving fruit (e.g. beech mast)
carpta torn
caryophyllea with walnut coloured gills
cascum old
✓ castanea p.t.a sweet chestnut tree
castoreus p.t. the beaver
catalaunicum p.t.region of Chalons-sur-Marne
catinus like a bowl
caulicinalis p.t. a small stem ?
causticus burning
cavipes with a hollow foot
cedriolens smelling of cedar
centunculus p.t. patchwork
cepaestipes with a foot like an onion
✓ ceracea, cerea waxy
cerinum wax-coloured
cernua nodding
✓ cerussata painted with white lead
cervicolor deer coloured
✓ cervinus p.t. a deer
cessans appearing late in the year ?
✓ cetrata shield bearing
Chalciporus copper-pored
chalybea p.t. steel
chamaeleontina p.t. a chameleon
Chamaemyces ground fungus
chelidonia p.t. a swallow
chimonophilus winter loving
chioneus p.t. snow
chlorantha like a pale green flower
chlorociboria like a pale green cup
chloroides pale green
✓ chlorophana with a pale green appearance
Choeromyces sow's fungus
Chondroderma tough skin (E.Blackwell)
chordalis appearing late in the year
chrysaspis golden shield
✓ chrysenteron gold intestine (within)
chrysocomus golden-haired
chrysodon golden-toothed
chrysomphalina gold navel
chrysophaeus gold dusky
✓ chrysorrheus gold flowing (Gr) (led)
cibarius edible
Ciboria like a drinking cup
cicatricata scarred
cidaris p.t. a tiara
✓ ciliatus fringed with hairs
✓ ciliciodes like cloth made of goat's hair (led)
cimicarius smelling of bugs (L) (led)

- ✓ *cincinnata* with curled hair
 ✓ *cinctula* with a little girdle
 ✓ *cinerea* ashen
 ✗ *cingulatum* girdled
 ✓ *cinnabrina* p.t. dragon's blood (cinnabar)
 ✓ *cinnamomeus* cinnamon
cinnamomeobadius cinnamon bay brown
circellatus ringed
✓ *circinans* making rings
✓ *cirrhatus* curled
✗ *citrina* lemon yellow
citriolens smelling of lemon
✗ *claroflava* bright yellow (Yed)
Clathrus a lattice
claudopus lame foot
✓ *Clavaria* p.t. a club
✓ *Claviceps* nail head
✗ *clavipes* with a club foot
✗ *clitocybe*, *Clitopilus* with decurrent gills and depressed head
clusilis easily closing
✓ *clypeatum* with a round shield *clypeolaria* like a small shield
cnista smelling of burnt sacrifice
cochleata p.t. a spiral shell
cocles blind in one eye
cognata related, similar
✓ *cohaerens* sticking together
coliformis with the shape of a strainer
collinitus besmeared
✗ *Collybia* like a small coin
✓ *columbetta* p.t. a pigeon
colus p.t. a distaff
✓ *comatus* hairy
comedens eating away
✓ *commune* common
comtulus adorned
conchatus shaped like a shell
concrescens growing together
✓ *conferendum* to be brought together
confinis nearly related
✓ *confluens* running together
✓ *confragosa* rough
confusa untidy
✓ *congregatus* collected in a flock
conigena born from a cone
✗ *Coniophora* bearing dust
conissans p.t. dust
✓ *connatum* joined together
✗ *Conocybe*, *Conopilea* conical head
consobrina first cousin
controversus turned over against
✗ *Coprinus* p.t. dung
✓ *coprophila* dung loving
coracina like a raven
✗ *Cordyceps* club-shaped head
Coriolus tender leather
corium leather
✓ *cornea* horn-shaped or horny
corniculata having little horns

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cornucopiae like a horn of plenty
coronatus crowned
coronilla garlanded
corrosus gnawed to pieces
corticatus with a bark
corticium p.t. bark
corticola inhabiting bark
X Cortinarius with a veil
corydalina p.t. the genus Corydalis
coryleti p.t. hazel
✓ Coryne a club
✓ cossus like the smell of the Goat moth larva
costata ribbed
cothurnatus p.t. a high hunting boot
cotonea p.t. the wild olive
cramesinus bright red
crassa thick
✓ Craterellus a small bowl
✓ Crepidotus p.t. a boot
cretatus marked with chalk
X Crinipellis hair skin
✓ crispa curled, wrinkled
✓ cristata crested
crobulus p.t. a knotted braid of hair
✓ crocata, crocea saffron
croceocaeruleus saffron azure
croceofolius saffron gilled
crocipodium saffron footed
crocolitus saffron daubed
✓ crucibulum a crucible
cruenta bloody
✓ crustuliniforme in the shape of a small cake
cucullata hooded
cucumis smelling of cucumber
X Cudonia p.t. a leather helmet
culmicola inhabiting stalks
cumatilis p.t. a wave, or glaucous
cuneifolium with wedge-shaped gills
cuprea coppery
cupularis cup-shaped
curtipes short-footed
cutifracta with broken skin
cuticularis with a thin external skin
✓ cyanescens becoming dark blue
cyanites dark blue
X cyanoxantha dark blue yellow (dead)
✓ cyathiformis in the shape of a cup
✓ cyathus, cyathula a cup
cygnea white like a swan
cypella like the hollow of the ear
X Cystoderma with blistered skin

X Dacrymyces tear fungus
X Daedalea curiously wrought
daedaleopsis like Daedalea
damascenus like a damson
✓ dealbata white-washed
decalvans balding

- ✓ decastes like a company of ten men
 ✓ decipiens deceiving
 decolorans decolouring
 ✓ delibutus besmeared
 ✗ delica weaned (Fed)
 ✓ delicata delicate
 demissa low
 ✓ densifolia with crowded gills
 depauperatus impoverished, undeveloped
 depluens raining down
 ✗ Dermocybe skin head
 ✓ destruens destroying
 ✗ deterrimus very poor (L.) (Fed)
 deusta burnt
 diatreta pierced through
 dibapha twice dyed
 dichrous two coloured
 dictyophorus net bearer
 difformis deformed
 digitaliformis finger shaped
 diosmus with two successive smells after being cut
 disciformis quoit shaped
 discoxanthus disc yellow
 ✓ disseminatus spread abroad
 ✓ distorta twisted
 ✓ ditopus double foot
 divulgatus widespread
 dochmiopus with oblique foot
 dolabratus p.t. a pick-axe
 domesticus p.t. the house
 ✓ drimeia pungent
 drosanthemum like a dewy flower
 drosophilus dew lover
 dryadeus, dryinus p.t. the oak
 dryophila oak loving
 dubia variable
 ✓ dulcamara sweet bitter
 duracinus hard berried
 ✓ duriusculum somewhat hard
 durus hard

 ✓ eburneus ivory-white
 Eccilia hollowed out
 ✓ echinatus like a hedgehog
 echocephala with a head like a hedgehog
 echinospora with spores like a hedgehog
 ectypa wrought in relief
 edraianthus like a sessile flower edulis edible
 edurum very hard
 effugiens escaping notice
 egenulum poor
 elaeodes like an olive tree
 ✗ Elaphomyces deer fungus
 ✓ elata tall
 elatior taller
 elotus washed clean
 elytroides like a cover
 ✓ emetica provoking vomiting

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✓ *Entoloma* fringe within
ephemerous lasting for a day only
ephippium caparisoned
✓ *epichloe* on grass
epichysium p.t. a vessel for pouring out *epidendrum* on a tree
epiphyllus upon a leaf
✓ *epipterygia* upon a fern, bracken
epixanthum tawny
✓ *erebia* p.t.a place of nether darkness
✓ *ericaeum, ericetorum* inhabiting heaths *erinaceus* p.t. a hedgehog
erion wool
erisithales very luxuriant
erubescens reddening
erucaeformis in shape of a caterpillar
erugatus smoothed
erumpens bursting forth
eryngii growing on umbellifers e.g. *Eryngium*
✗ *erythropus* with a red foot
escharoides like a scab
✓ *esculentus* edible
euchroa well coloured
eupachypus with a very heavy foot
euthelos like a nipple ?
✓ *evernius* sprouting, flourishing
exaratus engraved, with embossed grooves
✗ *excelsa* tall
evosmus perfumed
excipuliformis shaped like a vessel
excoriata peeled
✗ *Exidia* p.t. I exude
exilis thin
eximia distinguished
expallens becoming pale
✓ *exscissa* torn out
exsculptus cut out
extinctorius like an extinguisher

fageticola inhabiting beech
fagus beech
fallax deceptive
✗ *farinaceus* mealy
farinipes with a mealy foot
farinolens smelling of flour
✗ *fasciculare* in little bundles
fastibile disagreeable
✗ *fastigiata* having a gable, with a pointed cap (E.Blackwell)
fatua foolish
favolus like a small honeycomb
felina cat-like
✓ *felleus* bitter like gall
✓ *fennica* of northern Europe ?
ferreus of iron
ferrugineus rust coloured
fibula like a pin
filaris thread-like
filicina on fern stems
filopes with a thread-like foot
fimbriatus fringed

fimetarius p.t. a dunghill
fimicola inhabiting dung
Fistulina a little pipe
fistulosa full of pipes
flabelliformis fan-shaped
flaccida flabby
flammans flaming
Flammulina like a little flame
flava yellow
flavescens becoming yellow
flavidus yellowish
Flavoscypha yellow cup
flavovirens yellow green
flexuosus full of turns
floccipes, floccopus with a woolly foot
flocculosa woolly
fluens lax
focale p.t. a neck-cloth
fodiens digging
foeniseii p.t. the hay-harvest
foetens stinking
foliacea leafy
fomentarius touch wood
Fomes tinder
formosa handsome
fornicatum arched
fracida soft, pulpy
fragiforme shaped like a strawberry
fragilis brittle
fragrans scented
fraudans, fraudulosus deceptive
fraxinus ash tree
fritilliformis shape of a dice box
frondosa leafy
frustulenta full of small pieces ?
fucatum painted
fulgens shining
✓ fuliginosus sooty (lat) (red)
fulmineus like lightning
fulva tawny
fulvella somewhat tawny
fumatofoetens smoky stinking ?
fumosa smoky
funariophilum loving the moss Funaria
funicularis like a slender rope
furcata forked
furfuraceus scurfy
furnacea baked in an oven
fuscidulus somewhat dark
fuscus dark
fusiformis spindle-shaped
fusipes with a spindle-shaped foot
fusus a spindle

galericulata like a little cap
galochroa milk-coloured
galopus with a milky foot
gambosum p.t. a hoof, or with a well-developed hock

- ✓ *Ganoderma* with a shining skin
 ✓ *gausapatum* like a shaggy woollen cloth
 ✓ *Gastrum* earth star
gelatinosum jelly-like
gemmata jewelled
gentilis of the same race
geogenia born of the earth
 ✓ *Geoglossum* earth tongue
 ✓ *geophylla* with earth-coloured gills
Geopyxis earth small box
 ✓ *geotropa* earth turned
germanus first cousin
 ✓ *gibbosa* humped
gigasperma with giant spores
 ✓ *gilva* yellow
gilvescens becoming pale yellow
glabellus somewhat smooth
 ✓ *glabripes* with a smooth foot
 ✓ *glandulosa* having glands
glans acorn
glareosa p.t. gravel
glaucocana bluish-grey hoary
glaucopus with a pale blue foot
glioderma with a viscid skin
glischros clammy
 ✓ *Gloeophyllum* sticky gill
 ✓ *glossoides* tongue like
 ✓ *glyciosmus* sweet scented (Gr) (Med)
Gomphidius a large wedge-shaped nail
goniospermum with angled spores
gossypina cottony
gracilenta, gracilis slender
 ✓ *gracillima* very slender
grallipes with a stilt like foot
 ✓ *graminicola* inhabiting grass
grammata lined
grammocephalus with a lined head
Grandinia with a hail-like appearance of the hymenium ?
 ✓ *granulosa* granular
 ✓ *graveolens* strong smelling
grisea pearl grey
grossulus thickish
gruinus crane-like
grumosus tubercled
 ✓ *gummosa* sticky
guttatus spotted
Gymnopilus naked cap
gypsea chalk
Gyrodon with round teeth
 ✓ *Gyromitra* like a round turban
Gyroporus with round pores

 ✓ *haemacta* bloody
 ✓ *haematopus* blood footed
halophila salt loving
Hapalopilus tender cap
haustellaris p.t. I draw water
 ✓ *Hebeloma* with an obtuse margin

- hebes blunt
helodes p.t. a marsh
helicotrichon twisted hair
helomorphus nail-shaped
✓ *Helotium* p.t. a nail
✓ *helvola* pale yellow
helvus light bay
hemerobius lasting a day
✗ *hemitrichus* half hair
✗ *hepatica* p.t. the liver (red)
hericium p.t. a hedgehog
herpeticus p.t. a creeping thing
✓ *Heterobasidion* with differing basidia
heteroclita varying in declension
✗ *heterophylla* with differing gills (red)
Heteroporus with differing pores
hiascens that which opens
✓ *hiatulus* p.t. a little opening ?
hiemalis p.t. winter
hierochloe holy grass
himantoides like a leather thong
hinnuleus p.t. a young stag
✓ *hirneola* a small jug or pitcher
✗ *hirsutum*, *hirta* hairy
hirtipes with a hairy foot
hispidus shaggy
✓ *histrix* showy
hordeum barley
✓ *holopus* wholly foot
holosericeus wholly silky
✓ *hortensis* of gardens
✓ *Hydnnum* an old name for truffles
Hydrocybe water head *Wales*
✗ *hydrogramma* water-lined
hydrophila water-loving
✓ *Hygrocybe* moist head
hygrometricus moisture measurer
✓ *Hygrophorus* moisture bearing
✓ *Hymenochaete* membrane (hymenium) with bristly hairs
Hymenogaster membrane belly (hymenium within)
hyperboreus of the far north
✗ *Hypholoma* web margin
✓ *hypnorum* p.t. moss
Hypochroea somewhat fleshy
hypodrys growing under oak
Hypomyces below fungus
hypothejus brimstone underneath
✓ *Hypoxyton* beneath wood
hysginus scarlet
Hysterangium womb vessel
✓ *hystrix* porcupine
- ianthanus coloured violet
ichoratus p.t. serum
icterina jaundiced
igniarius p.t. fire
ignivolvata with a reddish stipe resembling a volva
illinitus greasy

illipatus unimpaired
illota not washed
illuminus dull
✓ imbricatum covered with tiles
imbutus saturated
immundus dirty
impexa uncombed
implexus tangled
✓ impolitus unpolished
✗ impudicus shameless, disgusting
✓ inaurata gilded
inamoenum unpleasant
✓ incana hoary
incarnata flesh-coloured
incilis incised
✓ inclinata bent in
✓ incrustans covering with a crust
indecorata ugly
infida unsafe
✓ infractus broken
infulum a fillet
infumata smoked
✗ infundibuliformis funnel-shaped
ingratus unpleasant
✗ Inocybe fibrous head
inodorus without a smell
Inoloma with a fibrous margin
✗ Inonotus p.t. fibres
inornata unadorned
inquilina p.t. a lodger
✓ inquinans staining
insignis striking
insulus insipid
integra, integrella entire
intensior deeper
intybaceus p.t. chicory
inuncta anointed
✓ involutus inrolled
ionides violet like
ionochlora violet greenish yellow
irina p.t. the iris
✓ Irpex a harrow
irrigatus, irroratus bedewed
isabellinus dirty yellow
✗ Ischnoderma thin skin
ixocomus with viscous hair

jasonis p.t. Jason and the golden fleece
jubarinus radiant
jubatum having a mane
junceus like a rush
junonius p.t. Juno
junquilla bright yellow

kymatoides similar to a wave

✓ Laccaria p.t. the resinous excretion left by the lac insect
✓ laccata painted

- ✓ lacera torn
 ✓ lachnea woolly
 lachnocladium p.t. a woolly twig
 lacmus p.t. varnish
 laciñiata fringed
 ✓ lacrymans weeping
 ✗ Lactarius p.t. milk
 lactea milk-white
 ✓ lacunosa full of hollows (see Ted)
 laeta cheerful
 ✓ laeve smooth
 laevigata made smooth
 ✗ lagopus hare foot
 laminosa having plates
 ✓ lampropus with a bright foot
 ✗ lanatus woolly
 lāniger bearing wool
 languidus weak
 lanipes with a wool foot
 lanuginosa woolly
 largus large
 laricinus p.t. larch
 ✓ lascivum wanton
 lasiosperma with shaggy spores
 lateritium p.t. bricks
 laurocerasi p.t. cherry-laurel
 lazulina ultramarine
 leiocarpa smooth fruit lenta sticky, slimy
 Lentinellus, Lentinus pliant, tough
 lenticularis p.t. small dewy droplets
 leoninus p.t. a lion
 ✓ Leotia p.t. smoothness
 lepideus scaly lepidus dainty, pretty
 ✓ lepidopus with a scaly foot
 ✗ Lepiota p.t. scales
 ✗ Lepista a drinking vessel
 leporina p.t. a hare
 ✓ leptocephala with a thin head
 ✓ Leptoglossum with a thin tongue
 ✗ Leptonia thin
 leptopodia with a thin foot
 leucocephalum with a white head
 ✓ leucogala with white milk
 leucomelas white black
 leucophaeus white dusky
 leucophylla white-gilled
 leucosarx white-fleshed
 leucotephra white ashen
 leucothites white
 licinium p.t. lint
 lignatilis woody
 ✗ lignyotus p.t. smoke (Ted)
 ligula like a small tongue
 limacella p.t. a small snail
 limacinus slimy
 limbatum fringed
 limitata marked off
 limonius lemon-yellow

- limosus muddy
limulata somewhat askance ?
liquiritiae p.t. liquorice
lituus p.t. a crooked staff
littoralis p.t. the sea-shore
lividus, livor lead-coloured
lonchitis spear-shaped
longicaudum with a long tail
longipes with a long foot
longiseta with long bristly hairs
loricatum armoured
✓ lubrica slimy, shining
lucida shining
lucifuga avoiding the light
lucorum p.t. woods
luctuosus full of sorrow
lugubris mournful
lupinus p.t. a wolf
lupuletorum p.t. hops ?
luscina one-eyed
lustratus purified
lutea golden yellow
luteolus yellowish
luteotacta touched with yellow
luteovirens yellow green
luteovitellina yellow yolk-like
lutetianus from Paris
lutosus, lutulentus muddy, dirty
Lycoperdon p.t. wolf flatus or dung
✓ Lyophyllum wth loose, free gills
- luridus dingy brown or pale yellow
Lycogala wolf milk
- macilentus thin, lean
macrocephalus with a long head
✓ macropus with a long foot
Macroscyphus long cup
macrosporus with long spores
maculata spotted
madidus soaked
majale of the month of May
malachius p.t. the mallow
malicorius p.t. the rind of a pomegranate
✓ mammiforme breast-shaped
mammosus having large breasts
✓ mappa p.t. a napkin
✗ Marasmius shrivelled, not putrescent
marcescibilis liable to pine away
marescens shrivelling, not putrefying
margaritispora with pearl spores
✓ marginatum bordered
mastoidea breast-like
mastrucatus clothed in sheepskin
maura Moorish
meandriformis like a winding river
medullata pithy (from the stipe interior-E. Blackwell)
melaleuca, Melanoleuca black and white
Melanogaster black belly
Melanophyllum black gilled
melanosporum black spored

- ✓ melanotus p.t. black
meleagris like a guinea-fowl
melinus, mellea like honey
✗ melliolens smelling of honey (bed)
mephitica of coniferous forests
- ✓ merdaria p.t. dung
✓ mesenterica like the middle intestine
mesophaeum dusky-centred
mesotephros medium ashen
metachroa change colour
metapodium reversed foot
metata conical
- ✗ micaceus, micans glittering
Microglossum small tongue
Micromphale small navel
microrhiza with a small root
miendulus rather clean
- ✓ miniata coloured with red-lead
miser pitiable, worthless
misopates reluctant to open
- ✓ mitis mild
✗ mitissimus very mild
Mitrophora carrying a turban
- ✓ Mitrula a small turban
mixta mixed
- ✓ mniophila moss-loving
- ✓ mollis soft
- ✓ Morchella a morel
mortuosa deadly
- ✓ mucida slimy
mucosus full of mucus
mucronella having a little sharp point
- ✓ multiformis many-shaped
multipedata many-footed
multiplex with many folds
multizonata many-belted
- mundula neat
muricatus pointed
murinus p.t.a mouse
- ✓ muscaria p.t. a fly
muscorum of mosses
mustelina p.t. a weasel
musteus mouldy
- Mycena p.t. a fungus
myomyces mouse fungus
- ✓ myosotis mouse ear
myosura mouse tail
Myriostoma with ten thousand mouths
myrmecophilum loving or benefited by ants
Myxacium p.t.mucus
Myxomphalia mucous navel
- nanum dwarf
- ✗ napipes with a foot like a turnip
narcoticus making numb
naucina p.t. a nut
- ✗ Naucoria p.t. a flock of wool
- ✗ nebularis clouded

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- necator a killer
nefrens toothless
nematoloma with a filament along the margin
nemorensis belonging to woods
 hidorosum reeking
 nidulans p.t. a nest
nigellum somewhat black
 niger black
nigrescens, nigricans becoming black
nimbatus like a halo ?
niphoides like snow ?
nitellina p.t. a dormouse
 nitens, nitida, nitiosa(?) shining
nitratus nitrous
 niveus snow white
 Nolanea like a little bell
notho- spurious
nucinus p.t. nuts
 nuda naked
nummularium like a coin
Nyctalis p.t. night
- obbata p.t. a kind of cup
oblectabilis delightful
obolus p.t. a Greek coin
obrusseus pure gold
 obscura dark
obsoleta worn out
obtextus covered
obtusata blunted
ocellatum, oculatum p.t. an eye
ochracea pale
 ochrochlora pale yellow green
 ochroleuca sallow white (red)
 odora fragrant
 oedematopus, oedipus with a swollen foot
olearius oily
olidus giving off odour
 olla like a pot
olorinus swan-like (white)
ombrophila loving a rainstorm
 Omphalina like a navel
Omphalotus p.t. a navel
oniscus p.t. a wood-louse
ononides on roots of Ononis (Restharrow)
onotica p.t. a donkey's ear
onychinum of yellowish marble colour
opacus shady
ophioglossiodes like a snake's tongue
optimus plump
 oreades, oreina, orellanus of montains
orichalceus p.t. copper ore
oriella like a small vase
ostruthius purplish
ovatus egg-shaped
ovina p.t. sheep
Oxyporus with sharp pores
ozes smelling

pachypus with a thick foot
pachysporus with thick spores
paedidus nasty
paganus rustic
~~✓~~ paleaceus chaffy
~~✓~~ palmata hand-shaped
paludosa, palustris of marshes
palumbinum p.t. a rock-dove
pampinosus leafy
~~✓~~ Panaeolus variegated
pannosus woolly, tattered
pansa broad-footed
~~✓~~ pantherina like a panther
papilionaceus like a butterfly
~~✓~~ papillatum having a nipple
par- near, beside
~~✓~~ paradoxa strange
paragaudis p.t. a border worked on a garment
pardinum like a panther
~~✓~~ parkensis belonging to parks
parvula very small
pascuus of pastures
pausiaca olive coloured
pateriformis saucer-shaped
patricius noble
pavonicus peacock blue
pectinatum with teeth like a comb
pediades p.t. a field
pedicellatum with a little foot
pelargonia smelling of Pelargoniums
pelianthina livid
pellitus covered with skins
pellucidipes with a transparent foot
penarius for provisions
pennata feathered
per- very
percincta belted
percomis very friendly
pergamenus p.t. parchment
~~✓~~ perlatum very widespread
~~✓~~ peronata booted
perrara very rare
persicina p.t. a peach
personatum masked
~~✓~~ pessundatum ruined
pertusus perforated
petaloides leaf-like
petasatus like a broad-brimmed hat
petiginosa scurfy
Peziza with little or no stem
phaeocepha with a dusky head
~~✓~~ phalaenarum p.t. moths
~~✓~~ Phellinus corky
~~✓~~ Phellodon cork-toothed
philonotis loving wet
~~✓~~ Phlebia veined
Phlegmacium p.t. phlegm
phlogiotis like a flaming ear

- phlyctidosporus with spores with little blisters (i.e. warts)
 phoeniceus purple-red
 ✓ pholideus scaly
 Pholiota p.t. scales
 phrygianus embroidered
 ✓ phyllophila leaf-loving
 ✓ picaceus like a magpie
 picinus pitch black
 picipes with a pitch black foot
 picreus bitter
 pietus painted
 pilosella hairy
 ✓ pinicola inhabiting pines
 pinsitus beaten, crushed
 ✗ piperatus peppery (Med)
 Pisolithus p.t. pea stone
 ✗ pistillaris like a pestle
 pithyophila loving coniferous needles ?
 placidus gentle
 placomyces flat fungus ?
 ✗ platyphylla with flat gills
 plautus flat, wide
 plecto- twisted, plaited
 plectro- spurred
 Pleurotus p.t. the side
 plexipes with twisted foot
 ✓ plicatilis folding
 plorans weeping
 ✓ plumbea lead-coloured
 ✗ Pluteus like a movable pent-house
 poliocnemus with grey greave (stipe)
 poliomallus with grey lock of hair ?veil
 polyadelpa with many brothers
 politus elegant, polished
 polychroma many-coloured
 polygramma many-lined
 ✓ polymorpha many-shaped
 ✓ Polyporus with many pores
 ✓ polystictus speckled
 poma ceus p.t. fruit
 pomposum stately
 ✓ popinalis p.t. a cook-shop, tavern
 ✓ populinus p.t. a poplar
 porosporus having spores with a pore
 porphyria purple
 porphyrophaeum purple dusky
 porreus p.t. a leek
 ✓ porrigens stretching out
 ✓ portentosum monstrous
 practicola inhabiting meadows
 praecox early
 praestans pre-eminent
 ✓ praestigiosus delusive, imposing
 praetervisa overlooked
 prasiosmus smelling like a leek
 pratella, pratense, praticola inhabiting meadows
 privignus p.t. a stepson
 procera tall

- proletaria poor
prolixa stretched out
prona bending downwards
proxima very near
pruinatus as if covered with hoar frost
prunulus p.t. a little plum
pruriens irritant, stinging
psalliota ringed
psammopus with a sandy foot
Psathyrella fragile small
pseudo- false (i.e. not the species named)
Psilocybe naked head
psittacina parrot coloured
pterigena born of ferns
pterosporus with winged spores
pubera grown up
pubescens becoming hairy
pudica modest
pudorinus modest, or rosy
puellaris like a girl
pulchella beautiful little
pulchra beautiful
pulla dusky
pulmonarius p.t. the lungs
pulverulentus full of dust
pulvinatus like a cushion
pumila dwarf
punctata dotted
punicea blood-red
pura clean
purpurascens becoming purple
pusillum very small
pusio p.t. a little boy
pustulatus blistered
putida stinking
putilla p.t. a child ?
Pycnoporus thick-pored
pygmaeaffinis allied to pygmaea
pyriforme pear-shaped
pyriodora smelling of pears
pyrogalus with fiery milk (red)
pyrotricha with fiery hair
pyxidata box-shaped
- quadrifiga split into four parts
quercina p.t. oak
quietus calm
quisquiliaris p.t. refuse
racemosa clustered
radians radiate
radiatus radiate, or beaming
radicans rooting
radicata rooted
radicosum having a root
radulum like a rasp
Ramaria with branches
ramealis on branches
ramentacea p.t. chips

✓ ramosum branching
rancida stinking
rapiolens smelling of turnip (radish)
ravidus grey
recisa cut off
recutita circumcised
reducta drawn back
regius royal
relicina curled backwards
renidens glistening
✓ repanda, resimus bent backwards
repraesentaneus manifest
resinaceum p.t. resin
resinosum full of resin
resupinatus supine
resutum ripped open
✓ reticulatus netted
retirugum netted wrinkled
✓ rhacodes ragged
Rhizina p.t. roots
Rhizopogon root beard
rhodiola a rose
Rhodocybe rose head
rhodocyclix rose cup
✓ rhodopolium rose grey
Rhodotus p.t. a rose
rhodoxanthus rose yellow
ribicola inhabiting Ribes
riculatus p.t. a head veil
rigens rigid
Rigidoporus with stiff pores
✓ rimosa full of cracks
rimulincola inhabiting cracks
✓ rivulosa with sinuous lines like rivers on a map
rorida bedewed
rosea rose coloured
rosella somewhat rose coloured
✓ roseofractum rose when broken
✓ rotula a little wheel
rubella reddish
ruber red
rubicundus ruddy
rubiginosa rusty
rubinus ruby
rudis rough
rufescens becoming reddish
rufus red
rugosa wrinkled
russocoriaceus smelling of Russian leather
✓ Russula reddish
✓ rutilans becoming reddish
rutilus red inclining to yellow

sabuletorum of sandy beaches
✓ saccata p.t. a bag
✓ sacchariolens smelling of burnt sugar
saepiarius p.t. a hedge
saeva wild

sagata clothed in a mantle
salicicola inhabiting willow
~~✓~~ salicinus, salignus p.t.willow
✓ salor p.t. the high seas
✓ sambuci of elder
sandicinus carmine or flesh-coloured
sanguinea,sanguinolenta bloody
saniosa full of bloody matter
sapidus pleasant tasting
✓ sapineus p.t. a fir tree
✓ saponaceum smelling of soap
Sarcodon flesh toothed
✓ sarcoides flesh like
Sarcoscypha flesh cup
sardonia with a very hot taste (suggests E.Blackwell)
satanas p.t. the devil
satur rich,abundant
saturninus gloomy, leaden ?
scabella p.t. a footstool
scabrosum,scabrum rough
scalpturatum engraved
scamba crooked
✓ scandens climbing
scaurus with projecting ankles
~~✓~~ Schizophyllum split gill
✓ Schizopora split pore
sciodes p.t. the shade
sciophyllus shade gill
scitula pretty
~~✓~~ Scleroderma tough skin
scobinaceus powdered
scobinella p.t. fine sawdust
✓ scolecina p.t. a worm
scorodonius p.t.garlic
✓ scrobiculatum pitted
✓ scutellata like a platter
scyphoides cup-shaped
✓ Sebacina greasy
✓ sejunctum separated
semibulbosus half bulbous
semiglobata hemispherical
semilanceata half lance-shaped
semilibera half free
semiorbicularis half round
semiovatus half egg-shaped
semisanguinea half bloody
semitale p.t. footpaths
semotus remote
senescens becoming white-haired
seperina p.t. the river Sevre (J.V.R.Marriott)
sepiarium,sepinculus,sepium p.t. hedges
sepultus buried
serenus clear
serialis in series
✓ sericella silken
~~✓~~ Sericeocybe with a silk head serifluus watery flowing
serotinus late in season
Serpula a snake

- ✓ *serrulata* p.t. a little saw
sertipes combined foot
seticeps bristle head
setigera bearing coarse hairs
siculus dagger-shaped
sideroides iron like
silaginea like very white wheat
 ✓ *silvaticus, silvicola* growing in woods *Simocybe* flat head
 ✓ *sinapizans* p.t. mustard
sindonia p.t. muslin
sinopica p.t. cinnabar, found at Sinope (E.Blackwell)
 ✓ *sinuatum* waved
sinuosus undulating
siparia p.t. a little curtain
sistotrema p.t.a shaking hole
 ✗ *sistratus* p.t. a rattle
smaragdinus p.t. an emerald
sodalis p.t. a mate, fellow
solitaris lonely
solstitialis p.t. midsummer
sordida dirty
 ✗ *sororia* sisterly
 ✓ *spadiceum* date brown
 ✗ *Sparassis* torn in pieces
spathulata, spatulina like a broad blade
 ✓ *speciosa* handsome
 ✓ *spectabilis* remarkable
 ✓ *speirea* p.t. a coil
sphacelatus necrotic
 ✓ *Sphaerobolus* a ball thrower
 ✓ *sphagnorum* of mosses
sphaleromorpha of deceptive form
 ✗ *sphinctrinus* p.t.a band
spiculosa having little sharp points
spilomaeolus variegated with spots
spinosulus full of little spines
spintrigera wearing a bracelet
 ✓ *spissa* thick
 ✓ *splendens* shining
spodoleucus ashy-white
spoliatum stripped, despoiled
spongiosipes with a spongy foot
spreta spurned, despised
Spongipellis with a spongy skin
spumeus, spumosa frothy *squamatus* scaly
 ✓ *squarrosa* scurfy
stabularis p.t. a stall
stagnina p.t. swamps
stans straight, standing
 ✓ *staurospora* with cross-shaped spores
stellatus set with stars
stemmatus wreathed
 ✗ *stephanocystis* with crowned cystidia
 ✗ *Stereum* firm
 ✗ *stenocystis* with narrow cystidia
sterquilinus p.t. a dung pit
stillalitius dripping
stillatus drop-like ?

- ✓ stipata crowded
stipitarius p.t.a stem
✓ stipticus astringent
storea p.t. a straw
straminea straw coloured
strangulata choked
✓ streptopus with twisted or bent foot
✓ striatus furrowed
✓ stricta rigid, close
stridula croaking
strigosissimima very rough-haired
✓ Strobilomyces fungus like a fir cone
✓ Stropharia, strophosum belted
stylobates p.t.pillar pedestal
✓ suavis pleasant
suavolens sweet smelling
sub- somewhat
subbalaustinus somewhat like a pomegranate flower
subbalteatus somewhat belted
subdulcis somewhat sweet
subfulgens somewhat shining
subglobispora with somewhat spherical spores
subincarnata somewhat flesh-coloured
sublateritium somewhat brick-coloured
subnotatus marked
subtillissima very slender
✓ subtomentosus somewhat downy
subturbanatus somewhat shaped like a spinning top
succineus amber coloured
succosa juicy
sudus dry
X Suillus p.t. swine
sulcata furrowed
surrecta raised up, arisen
- X tabescens, tabidus wasting away (red)
tantilla such a little thing
tabularis becoming flat like a board
tardus late
taxicola inhabiting yew
taxophila loving yew
✓ tectoria p.t. a roof, plaster ?
Telamonia p.t.a broad linen bandage
tenax firm
tenebricus dark
tenella rather tender
✓ tenera tender
tenerrimus very delicate
X Tephrocybe ashen head
terenopus with a tender foot
✓ terreum earthy
tesquorum of deserts
testaceus brick red
theiogalus with milk like brimstone
X Thelephora nipple-bearing (appearance of hymenium)
tigrina resembling a tiger
✓ tintinnabulum like a little bell
tithymalinus with sap like milk

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- ✓ togula p.t. a little cloak
✓ tomentosus woolly, downy
✓ torminosus griping (red)
torosus muscular
tortilis twisted
torulosus p.t. a tuft of hair
torvus wild, grim
traganus p.t. a goat
✓ Trametes p.t. the woof
trechispora with rounded spores
✓ Tremella, tremida trembling
✓ Trichoglossum hairy tongue
✓ Tricholoma hairy margin
trigonosperma with wedge-shaped spores
triplex three fold
triscopa three faced
tristis gloomy
triumphans triumphant
✓ trivialis common
trullaeformis ladle-shaped
truncatum cut off
tubaeformis trumpet-shaped
✓ Tubaria a trumpet
Tuber a swelling
tuberculosa, tuberosa having swellings
✓ Tulostoma knob mouth
tumidus swollen
turibulosum smelling of incense
turmalis belonging to a troop
✓ turpis ugly (red)
turrita p.t. a tower
turunda a kind of sacrificial cake
tylicolor the colour of a crustacean allied to the wood-louse
✓ typhae, Typhula p.t. the reed-mace
- ✓ uda moist
✓ uliginosus p.t. marshy ground
ulocolla like shaggy glue
✓ ulmarius p.t. elm
✓ umbellata like a parasol
umbrarum p.t. shadows
umbrina umber
umbrinolutea dark yellow
✓ umbrosus shady
uncialis a twelfth part
undatus, undulatum waved
unguentatum anointed
unguicularis clawed
unguinosa oily
uracea p.t. I burn
urens burning
urticaecola inhabiting nettles
✓ ustale burnt
✓ utriformis shaped like a leather bottle
✓ uvidus moist
- vaccinii p.t. Vaccinium sp.
✓ vaccinum p.t. cows

✓ vaga wandering
✓ vaginata sheathed
vaporarius of hot-houses
vatricosa with crooked foot
✓ vellereum woolly, fleecy
✓ velutinum velvety
velutipes velvet foot
venetus sea coloured
venosa full of veins
ventriosospora with spores with an umbilicate depression
venustus beautiful
vermicularis worm-like
✓ verna p.t. spring
verncosa varnished
verrucosum warted
✓ versicolor changeable in colour
✓ versipelle with changeable appearance
vervacti of fallow ground
vespertinus of evening
✓ vesca edible
vesiculosa p.t. little bladders
vestita clothed with hairs
veternosa languid
✓ vibecina striped
vibratilis quivering
✓ vietus shrunken (red)
vilis of small value
villosa hairy
vinosa wine-coloured
✓ virgatum striped
✓ viride green
✓ virosa poisonous
viscidus, viscosa sticky
✓ vitellinus p.t. egg-yolk
✓ vitilis plaited vitrea glassy
vittaeformis fillet-shaped
volemus p.t. a large pear ? or a handful (E.Blackwell)
✓ Volvariella having a wrapper
vulgare common
vulpinus p.t. a fox

xanthocephalus with a yellow head
✓ xanthodermus with yellow skin
xanthothrix with yellow hair
✓ xerampelina colour of withered vine leaves (red) (dull reddish brown)
xerocomus with arid hair
✓ Xylaria p.t. wood

zephirus p.t. the west wind
zonarius zoned