



# WHICH MUSHROOMS GROW ON WHICH LOGS?

A practical guide to pairing tree species and fungi, with a focus on tree species in so-called Australia

Tree species		Shiitake <i>Lentinula edodes</i>	Pearl Oyster <i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i>	Phoenix Oyster <i>Pleurotus pulmonarius</i>	Lions Mane <i>Hericum coralloides</i>	Reishi <i>Ganoderma lucidum</i>	Turkey Tail <i>Ganoderma lucidum</i>
Oak family <i>Fagaceae</i>	Oak <i>Quercus</i> spp. / <i>Lithocarpus</i> spp.	★ 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,●	✓ 4,7,9	★ 4,8	✓ 4,7,8,9	★ 4,7,8,9	✓ 7,9
	Chestnut <i>Castanea</i> spp.	✓ 3,8,9			★ 4,8,9		✓ 9
	Chinquapin <i>Castanopsis</i> spp.	★ 3,4					
	Beech <i>Fagus</i> spp.	★ 2,3,4,7,8,9	✓ 4,6,7,9	✓ 8	★ 7,8	✓ 8	✓ 9
Maple family <i>Sapindaceae</i>	Maple <i>Acer</i> spp.	★ 1,2,3,7,8	✓ 7,9	✓ 4,8	★ 4,7,8,9	★ 4,7,8,9	✓ 7,9
Liquidambar family <i>Altingiaceae</i>	Sweetgum <i>Liquidambar</i> spp.	✓ 3,4,7,8,9	✓ 7	✓ 8	✓ 7,8	★ 4,7,8,9	✓ 7,9
Elm family <i>Ulmaceae</i>	Elm <i>Ulm</i> spp.	✗ 2,8	★ 4,6,7,9	✓ 4,8	✓ 4,7,8,9	★ 4,8,9	✓ 7,9
Birch family <i>Betulaceae</i>	Alder <i>Alnus</i> spp.	✓ 3,5,7,8,9	✓ 6,7,9	★ 4,8	✓ 4,8	✓ 8	✓ 7,9
	Birch <i>Betula</i> spp.	✓ 2,3,4,7,8	✓ 9	✓ 8	✓ 4,7,8		✓ 7,9
	Hornbeam <i>Carpinus</i> spp. / <i>Ostrya</i> spp.	★ 2,3,7,8		✓ 8	✓ 7,8		
Willow family <i>Salicaceae</i>	Aspen / Poplar / Cottonwood <i>Populus</i> spp.	✓ -2,3,4,5,8	★ 4,6,7,9,●	★ 4,8,12,●	✓ 7,8,●		✓ 7,9
	Willow <i>Salix</i> spp.	✓ 3,4,8	✓ 6,●		✓ 8	★ 4,8	✓ 8
Walnut family <i>Juglandaceae</i>	Hickory <i>Carya</i> spp.	✓ 2,3,7,8,9					✓ 9
	Walnut <i>Juglans</i> spp.	✓ 7			✓ 7,8		
Eucalyptus family <i>Myrtaceae</i>	Spotted gum <i>Corymbia maculata</i>	✗ ●	✗	✗	✗	✗	
	River red gum <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	✓ 11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Lemon-scented gum <i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i>	✓ 11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sugar gum <i>Eucalyptus cladocalyx</i>	✓ 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Tasmanian blue gum <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	✓ 4,7,8,9,●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ 9
	Flooded gum / Rose gum <i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	✓ 10,11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Shining gum / Silvertop <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i>	✓ 5,●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Scribbly gum <i>Eucalyptus rossi</i>	✓ ●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sydney blue gum <i>Eucalyptus saligna</i>	✓ 11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Manna gum / Ribbon gum <i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	✓ ●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ●
	Tea-trees <i>Melaleuca</i> spp.	✓ 13		✓		✓	✓
Acacia family <i>Fabaceae</i>	Silver wattle <i>Acacia dealbata</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓
	Hickory wattle <i>Acacia mangium</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓
	Blackwood <i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	✓ 5		✓		✓	✓
Pine family <i>Pinaceae</i>	Pine, Spruce, Fir <i>Pinus</i> spp., <i>Pseudotsuga</i> spp., <i>Abies</i> spp.	✗ 8		✓ 4,8	✗ 8	✓ 8	✓ 9
	Monterey / Radiata pine <i>Pinus radiata</i>	✗ 8		✓ 4,8	✗ 8	✓	✓
Casuarina family <i>Casuarinaceae</i>	Allocasuarina <i>Allocasuarina</i> spp.		✓	✓		✓	✓
	She-Oak <i>Casuarina</i> spp.		✓ 12	✓		✓	✓

## KEY

Best	★
Suitable	✓
Possibly suitable	✓
Not recommended	✗
Probably not suitable	✗
Not enough data	

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