

# Fungi photography 101 –

## 5 **Do's** and **Don'ts** on getting the best fungi photographs!

### View

**Don't – Take a birds eye view photo**

**Do – Take a worms eye view photo**

Taking a photo from above will leave you with a photo showing very little features of your specimen. Take a photo that is looking upwards will capture many more features.

**Don't**



**Do**



### Scope

**Don't – Take a photo that shows little of your fungi**

**Do – Make your fungi the main focus of your photo**

Some fungi are big, and some fungi are small. Your shot should be focused on the fungi, and not on the background.

**Don't**



**Do**



## Focus

**Don't – Take a photo with no main focus**

**Do – Focus on one individual/cluster**

Fungi can be solitary, or found in a cluster. Whether they are by themselves or clustered, picking one fungus or one group will give your photo a focus.

**Don't**



**Do**



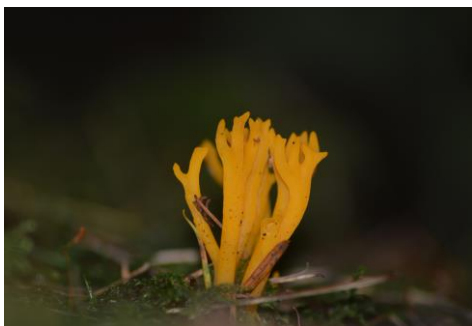
## Lighting

**Don't – Take a dim lit photo**

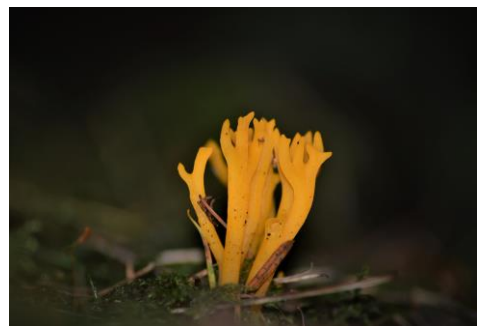
**Do – Take a photo with enough light**

Fungi can be found in many environments, with plenty enjoying the dark. Try capturing as much light as possible, or playing around with your camera settings can help!

**Don't**



**Do**



## Put the fun in fungi!

**Don't – Be afraid to experiment**

**Do – Have fun with your photography!**

It does not matter if your fungus is common or rare. Have fun with it, take plenty of pictures. Is your fungus unusually shaped? Has an animal chewed it? Is it not identical to the illustration in your ID book? Who cares? Have fun!

## #UKFungusDay

**Don't – Miss out!**

**Do -Join us on October 2<sup>nd</sup> celebrating UK Fungus Day**

**Hashtag #UKFungusday on Instagram for a chance to have your fungi photography featured!**

# FUNGUS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2021

**Do - Capture a photo of a fungus  
that fascinates you !**

**Get your cameras, smartphones or  
tablets at the ready...**

**Capture your photo on the weekend  
of 2-3 October**

**Digital images only**

**Three age groups for entry: up to 12  
years, 13-17 years and 18+ years  
Submit your photo online by 6  
November 2021. Free to enter.**

## Rules

**<https://www.ukfungusday.co.uk/competitions>**

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