

chanterelle

Cantharellus sp.

Kingdom: Fungi
Phylum: Basidiomycota
Class: Agaricomycetes
Order: Cantharellales
Family: Cantharellaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

Chanterelles are mainly yellow to orange. Their cap is flat or slightly depressed in the center and may reach one to three inches wide at maturity. The cap has false gills, which are folds that often resemble the true gills of some other mushrooms. The false gills continue part of the way down the stem, which true gills do not. It is difficult to tell where the cap ends, and the stem begins. The stem grades in color from yellow at the top to white or nearly white at the bottom. Identification and classification of species in this group of mushrooms is undergoing revisions due to DNA analysis.

BEHAVIORS

Chanterelles are found in hardwood forests especially around oak trees. The fruiting bodies appear from late May through September, especially after significant rainfall.

ILLINOIS RANGE





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Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none