

MYCELIUM: A NATURAL NETWORK FOR COMMUNICATION & TRADE

Although we might be more familiar with mushrooms, the above ground mushroom is just the fruit for a much larger underground organism! Mycelium are the web-like “body” of many fungus species. In addition to having an amazing structure, mycelium also have some very surprising roles in ecosystems; they form an underground network for plants to communicate and trade nutrients! Visit these resources to learn more about the amazing mycelium:

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What is Mycelium: Nature’s World Wide Web Underneath Our Feet

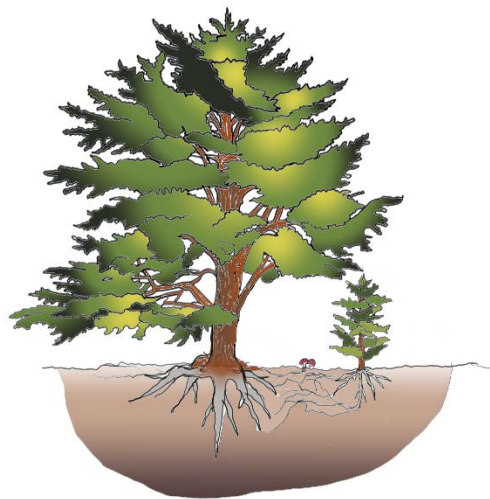
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Does learning about mycelium change how you think about plants and forests? Can you think of any human systems that resemble mycelial networks?

