



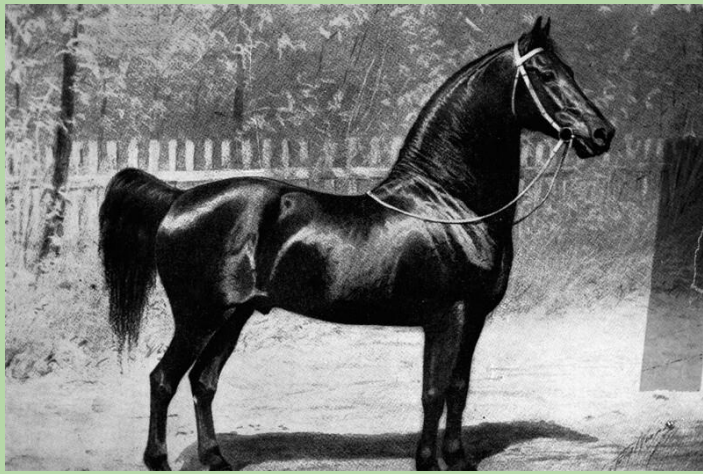
Vermont needs a State Mushroom: *Bear's Head Tooth is the best choice.*



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VERMONT STATE SYMBOLS:

Represent VT, but sometimes other states too



Why is *Hericium americanum* (Hedgehog of the Americas) a good choice to represent Vermont?



- Chosen by students at two Vermont Schools
- It is native to VT and only found in the northeast US



- It looks like things found in nature in Vermont and is found in nature in Vermont



- It grows on trees in VT & has lots of trees
- It has the name America in it! Vermont is in America and so is this mushroom

Bear's Head Tooth is very distinctive, has no toxic lookalikes.



Bear's Head Tooth can be foraged in the woods or cultivated at home

It has medicinal qualities. Hericium mushrooms have been used in traditional medicine around the world

State Mushrooms

- Five others have them already.
- Five states have proposed states mushrooms being considered.
- *We could be the 6th state to have a State Mushroom!*

Texas 2021



Texas has the **Texas Star Mushroom**.

Bear's Head Tooth is common in the Autumn in Vermont.

It is very rare: it hisses when it releases spores

My school wanted a mushroom that is more common in Vermont & healthy too.

Bear's Head Tooth 2024 ?

Vermont 2024?



Bear's Head Tooth

California 2023



Golden Chanterelle

Utah 2023



Bolete/ Porcini

Oregon 1999



Pacific Golden Chanterelle

Minnesota 2010



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Bear's Head Tooth, *Hericium americanum*, a new symbol for VT

My family have farmed
In Vermont since the late
1700's. We have farm stands
in Manchester, Newfane and
Brattleboro. We sometimes
sell mushrooms. I hope we
sell Bear's Head Tooth one day.



Any questions ?

I hope you enjoyed this slide show

