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<p>Habitat</p> <p>Fly agarics grow in various different types of woods, from oak to beech forests, to coniferous woods. They can be found in almost all parts of Europe, Asia and North America.</p> <p>◆</p>
<p>Season</p> <p>This mushroom grows throughout most of the summer and fall.</p> <p></p> <p>◆</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{HTML}
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{/HTML}</p> <p>◆</p> <p>Edibility</p> <p>Fly agaric is a poisonous species, which contains muscarine, muscimol and ibotenic acid. Nevertheless, in some parts of the world, it is consumed. Usually the skin from the cap is removed, after which the mushrooms are cooked. Afterwards, they need to be salted and stay like that for a certain period of time. However, it is not recommended, especially since there are many other species which don't require that much work to be prepared properly.</p> <p>◆</p>
<p>Similar species</p> <p>Fly agaric is a very characteristic species, so it is not often confused with other species. However, specimens that have no white warts could be confused with the Caesar's mushroom (Amanita caesarea), although Caesar's mushrooms have yellow colored flesh and they have a very expressed vulva.</p> <p>◆</p>