

Amazing Microorganisms

The largest single living organism on Earth is a honey mushroom fungus in Oregon, USA, which covers an area of 2200 acres, or about 1700 football pitches!

Fungi are a group of living organisms which are classified in their own kingdom. This means they are not animals, plants or bacteria.

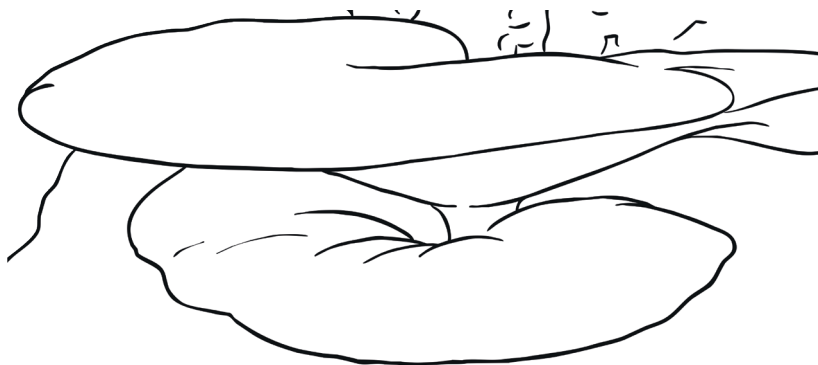
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You could also try to find out:

- what it looks like;
- What it does to trees;
- how long it has been there;
- whether it is edible or not.



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