

Blue Pinkgill Mushroom

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Recently, a burst of rare and colourful Blue Pinkgill fungi has been documented in the Kagaznagar forest division of the Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, of Telangana.

About Blue Pinkgill Mushroom

- It is referred as “**sky-blue mushroom,**” (**scientific name: Entoloma hochstetteri**) this genus of mushrooms has pink to purplish hues in their gills.
- It a **species native to New Zealand** and famously featured on the country’s \$50 note.
- **Appearance of Blue Pinkgill Mushroom**
 - It is vivid blue mushroom, its **colour derived from rare azulene pigments,**
 - Some are small, with a distinctive all-blue colour and slightly reddish-tinted gills from spores, thanks to azulene pigments.
 - They have caps that can be flat or funnel-shaped, pink or white gills and stems that may be centrally or laterally attached.

- The spore print is typically pink to salmon-coloured, which helps in identification.
- **Habitat:** It is common in **forests across New Zealand**, where it grows in the ground between litter in **the broadleaf forest**.
- The Blue Pinkgill **mushroom appears during the monsoon** when the forest cover reaches saturation due to abundant rainfall, which creates perfect soil conditions for mushrooms to grow and thrive.

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