

# The Curious Lives of Carnivorous Mushrooms

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More than just a quirk of nature, carnivorous fungi are found all over the world.

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## **Nematodes: The Unseen Enemy**

Most kinds of nematodes escape notice, however, because they are so small that they cannot be seen without the aid of a microscope. Most soil-dwelling nematodes are of no concern to the gardener and are, in fact, a normal component of fertile soil. These innocuous nematodes feed on bacteria, fungi, algae, and even other nematodes. Some nematodes are parasitic on insects and higher animals. Others, however, are parasitic on higher plants and can present a serious problem in the home fruit garden. Because nematodes are out of sight and gradually multiply to damaging

population levels, they have been referred to as the unseen enemy in agriculture.

