

# Shaggy Mane: Connect the Dots



## Activity 1.2

### GRADES

1-3

### TYPE OF ACTIVITY

Connect the Dots

### MATERIALS

- copies of page 23
- pencils
- pencil crayons, crayons or markers
- mushroom field guides and/or posters

### VOCABULARY

habitat  
spores

### Scientific Classification

Kingdom: Fungi  
Division: Basidiomycota  
Class: Homobasidiomycetes  
Order: Agaricales  
Family: Agaricaceae  
Genus: *Coprinus*  
Species: *Coprinus comatus*,  
The Shaggy Mane or  
Lawyer's Wig.

### OBJECTIVE

- To introduce students to a widely distributed and easily recognizable Canadian mushroom

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make copies of the Connect the Dots worksheet.
2. Hand them out to each student and have them connect the dots.
3. Get them to write the name of the mushroom on the blanks provided. Younger students will need help writing "SHAGGY MANE" in the blanks provided.
4. Ask the students if any of them have ever seen a shaggy mane mushroom. And if so, where was it? Explain that where something grows is called its **habitat**. Shaggy manes are known for their adaptable diets and can be found on roadsides, in meadows and fields and in city lawns from August to September.
5. Why do they think it would be called Shaggy Mane? This mushroom is also sometimes called a Lawyer's Wig. To those who know it well, this mushroom has nicknames: "Shaggie" or "Shag". It is a type of inky cap. Share with them the fact that the mushroom "melts" itself into a black, inky soup to release its **spores**.
6. Help students find pictures of the Shaggy Mane in field guides or on a poster (such as David Arora's EDIBLE FIELD, GARDEN and CULTIVATED MUSHROOMS poster) See Sources and Resources page 91.
7. Although the shaggy mane mushroom is not a colourful mushroom, you could have the students colour the mushroom any way they wish, as mushrooms can be any colour in the rainbow!

### TRIVIA

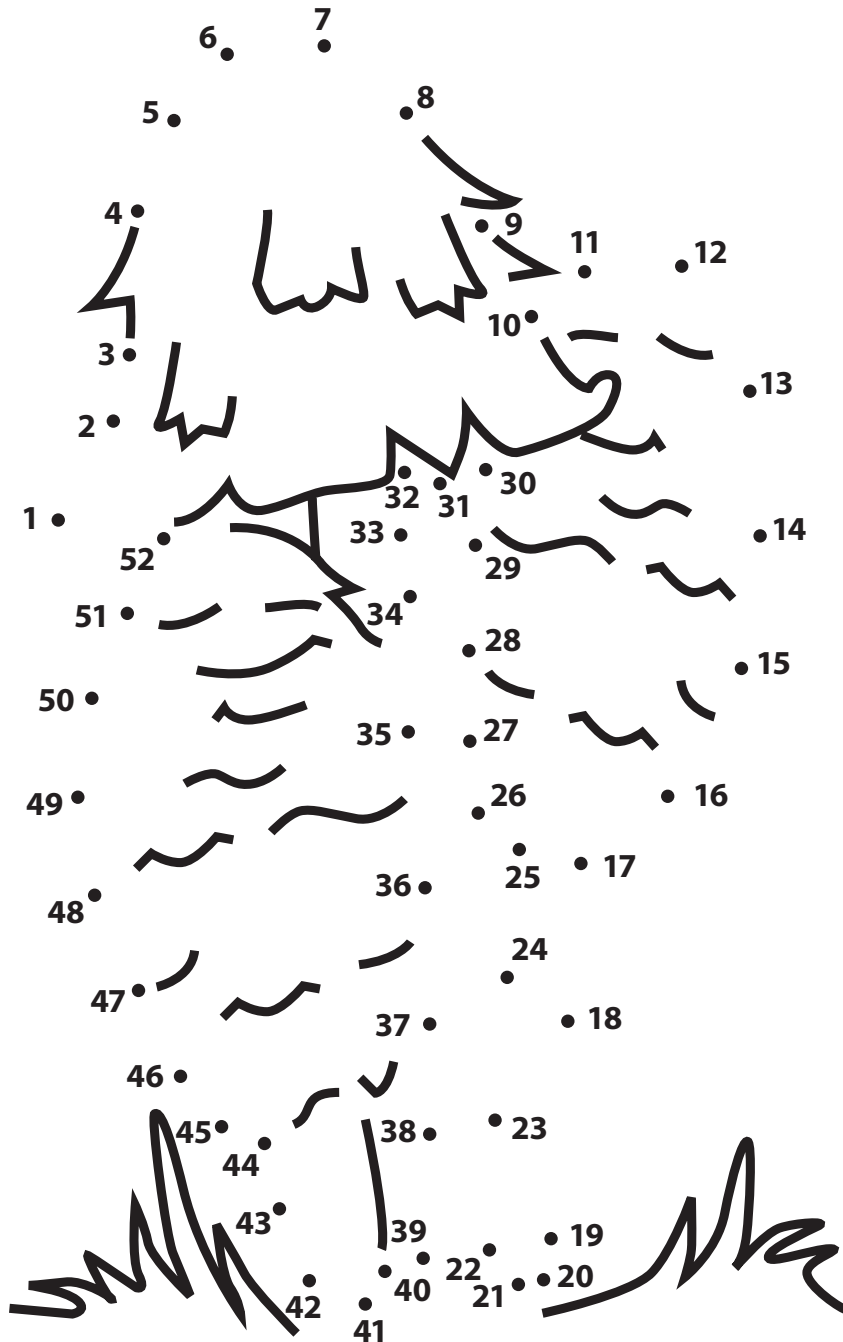
One shaggy mane was so determined to grow that it was reported to have lifted a 5 kg slab of concrete!

# Connect the Dots



## Directions ▶

Connect the dots and colour the picture of this INKY member of the fungal world!



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