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On-line and downloadable keys

The Key Council develops, refines, and field tests [Keys to selected species and genera of mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest](#). The mushroom characteristics in the keys are based on macroscopic features that can be seen by the naked eye or hand lens. All keys are subject to peer review and editing before publication.

In addition to on-line keys, the Key Council publishes a free, downloadable application, [MatchMaker: Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest](#), created by Ian Gibson, and a [Pictorial Key](#) for use on the web or downloadable for smartphones or computers, created by Danny Miller.

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