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## Amanita virosa

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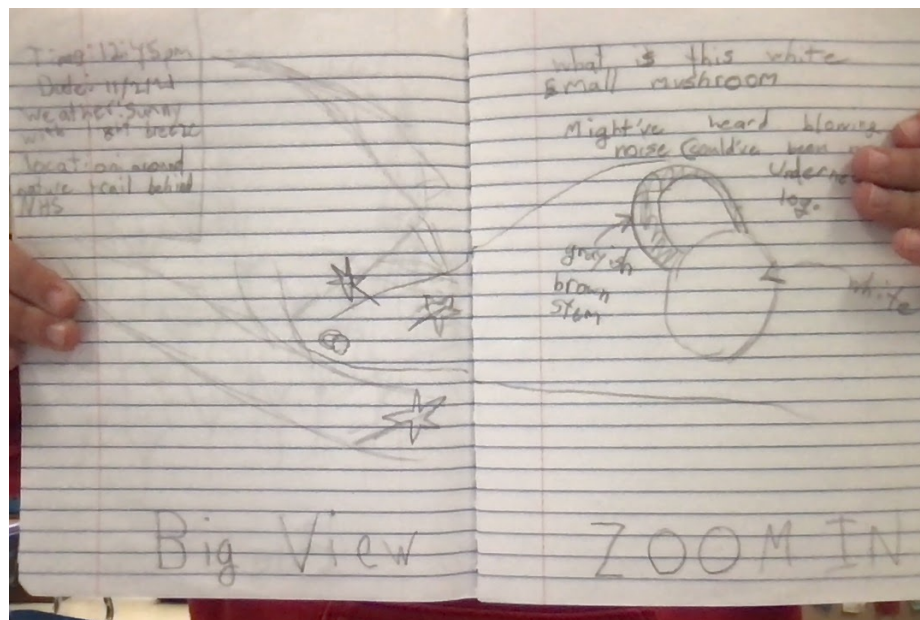
Date: 11/2/21

Time: 12:45pm

Weather: Sunny with light breeze

Location: Northampton New Hampshire around nature trail

On November 2nd it was a sunny day with a light breeze at 12:45pm at 54° when I went with a friend to the woods in the back of Northampton School in New Hampshire for a bike ride. When we did, we stopped at an area to look around for stuff. I walked around the forest and found a small white mushroom that was under a log next to a tree and a rock. This was interesting to me because the mushroom grew under a log with limited room because of the big rock and tree.



After some research I found out that this mushroom is called the Destroying Angel and the scientific name is *Amanita virosa*. I also found out that the *Amanita virosa* originated in Europe and it also can grow in the Western North America as well as Eastern North America.

This got me wondering, how did this mushroom get to Eastern and Western North America if it originated in Europe? I propose that someone that is a scientist or someone with a microscope should pick some of this mushroom and take a piece of it (wear gloves though) and then put it under the microscope to see the germs and everything that's in the mushroom to find out some new information of how it got to here.

At first when I saw this mushroom I thought it was a normal plain old mushroom, but now that I have dug through it on a deeper scale I now realize that what I thought before was some plain old mushroom is now a cool part of nature that more people should think about. If I had to eat that kind of mushroom in the wild for whatever reason I do know now that I can't or else I or any of my friends could get badly hurt. This is very important to also know because if my dog is eating mushrooms I can now find out if they are ok for him to keep on eating. This observation could build on some scientific gaps in knowledge about this mushroom because no one might've thought about why it originates in Europe but made its way to the U.S.A.,

Where I got my information from: [Amanita virosa, Destroying Angel mushroom](#)  
[2018 was a banner year for mushrooms: fortunately there were few poisonings](#)