

# Caterpillar Fungus *Cordyceps militaris*

**Traits:** club shaped with cap brown-orange, 0.8 cm wide; thinner and lighter stipe, up to 8 cm high

**Where:** entomophagous, parasite of larvae and pupae of moths and butterflies



**When:** occasional Aug.-Oct.

**Risk:** unknown edibility; alleged medicinal properties, notably against certain cancer (cytotoxic cordycepin)