

Rust fungi

Fungus id sheet



These fungi are usually host specific, only infecting particular plant species. Look out for any plants that appear a bit sickly or have distortions – they may well be infected with rust.



Puccinia urticata (nettle rust)

- Found on *Urtica dioica* (stinging nettle)
- Distorts leaves and stems
- Pale with orange circles



Puccinia punctiformis (creeping thistle rust)

- Found on *Cirsium arvense* (creeping thistle)
- Orange or brown, covers underside of leaves
- Floral smell



Melampsorella symphyti (comfrey rust)

- Found on *Symphytum* species (comfrey)
- Orange, covers underside of leaves
- Produces dusty spores



Puccinia lagenophorae (groundsel rust)

- Found on *Senecio vulgaris* (groundsel)
- Orange circles on stems and leaves