

Fungus are important to ecosystems. Use these photos to explain why.



Solution

- Fungi are important decomposers. That means that they secrete (give off) chemicals that digest, and thus decompose (break down) dead organisms such as leaves, branches, bark, animals, etc.
- This process is nature's way of recycling organisms back into the ecosystem, and thus the nutrients are available for other organisms. Nature recycles—always has, always will!
- BTW the fungi pictured are called Bracket or Shelf Fungi. Do an internet image search. They are strange, beautiful and pretty awesome!
- There are other natural decomposers. Find out who, what and where.