



# FUNGAL GLOSSARY

## ***Rusts***

Natural Habitat	◆ Rusts are parasitic to many types of plants
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown- rust fungi require a living plant host for growth
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind ◆ Forcible Ejection
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I. (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ There are 5000 known species of rusts belonging to at least 150 different genera ◆ Rusts are the cause of great economic losses on many cultivated plants ◆ Ancient Romans believed the god Robigus was responsible for rust disease on crops and attempted to ward off rust disease by celebrating Robigus in an annual festival
References	◆ Alexopoulos, C.J., Mims, C.W., Blackwell, M. 1996. John Wiley and Sons