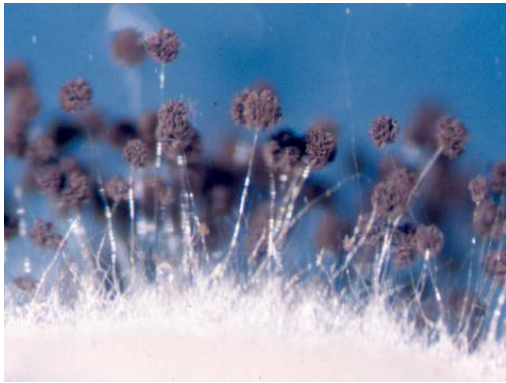


Aspergillus



Essential to the nitrogen and carbon cycles, *Aspergillus* thrives on rotting leaves, and house dust mite poo. Masses of *Aspergillus* are found in well-loved pillows. Breathed in daily, *Aspergillus* can cause lung destruction by forming cavities and fungal balls, as well as a silent type of pneumonia in those with leukaemia or on steroids. *Aspergillus* also lives in the airways of those with asthma, making asthma worse. Millions of people with asthma are affected by *Aspergillus*.