

Trichophyton



Trichophyton fungi thrive on keratin, of which hair and nails are made. Some cause disease in animals such as hedgehogs (Europe and New Zealand). Wrestler's can pass it from one to another, during a sustained hold (tinea gladiatorum).

Athlete's foot (often not in athletes!), tinea, ringworm, hair loss and toenail infections are all caused by Trichophyton and are very common affecting over 200 million people worldwide.