Largest Living Organism on Earth

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Imagine a honey mushroom
the size of 1,665 football fields
beneath Oregon’s Malheur National Forest.
This *Armillaria ostoyae*, this fungus,
more animal than plant,
sends its rhizomorphs to suck
the water from trees.

A mushroom can have 36,000 sexes.
Imagine a mushroom high school
in the hallway between classes.
Imagine the combinations, the cliques,
the gametes, the spores, the std’s,
the constant fusings,
the constant sound of sucking.