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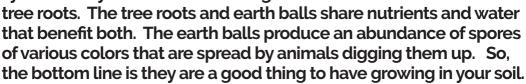
## Welcome to my weekly series! **SK THE LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL** Linda K. Lillie of Sprigs & Twigs

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Hi Linda - I found these in our flower garden. They were half exposed so I pulled them up on top of the ground. The day I did this there were just five oval bulb-like things. Next day, the bottom one grew a whitish stem about 3 inches long with a strange top to it. I don't know what to make of these things. Are they some kind of mushroom/fungi? - Vinny

## Hi Vinny,

From your photo, it looks like a type of fungal fruiting body usually called earth balls which are related to puffball fungi. They are not harmful to the plants near them. They are mycorrhizal which means they live symbiotically with the surrounding



Thank you.



