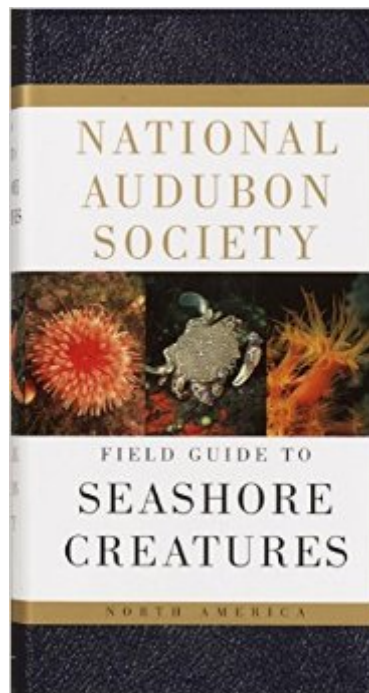


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# National Audubon Society Field Guide To Seashore Creatures: North America (National Audubon Society Field Guides (Hardcover))



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Arrangement by shape and by color makes identification quick and easy. 666 species are covered in full detail.

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I think that all of North Americas sea shore critters can not be described in a single book. Certainly not in a book of this size. The publishers where quite bold in the scope and as such much information has been left out. That said let me tell you what is good about this book. The pictures are GREAT! Much better than looking at technical drawings. However, they are not better for identification. The descriptions of animal groups are excellent. For the person with little biological background this will go a good way toward explaining the complexities of ocean life. The method of identification, sorting by superficial appearance is handy, again for the inexperienced. To sum it up, if you want one book to carry during your first summer of beach combing get this one. If you need a companion for a marine zoology class stay away, unless you already have everything else.

Perhaps I am going overboard in giving this guide a five star review but even a book with an adequate selection of color photos of marine invertebrates is just so darn beautiful I can't help but cause me to rave and this bok offers a selection that is more than just adequate. There is no way

one can include all of the seashore creatures of US into one volume let alone a field guide and Audubon guides are not the best things to use for taxonomy. That being said it is a gorgeous little book and certainly helpful to the average beachcomber. Even if you are a Midwestern landlubber this is a great little volume. If nothing else consider it a mini coffee table book.

I found out about Marine creatures in my Marine Bio. class, and I loved them, so I got this book to further my looking into their world, and it's great. A must have for any person interested in going to the seashore, and just watching what runs around in those tidepools and on the beach.

We bought this for our eleven-year-old grandson, who is already fascinated with and knowledgeable about marine life. I knew about the Audubon guides, because my parents keep them at their place on the beach, and my husband and I use them to identify the wildlife we see on our walks there. The organization and color photos help us to find the creatures we've observed.

It's very thorough on what it does cover but I think it should have been split into several guides covering regional areas such as the East Coast, the Gulf Coast and the West Coast. Because of the fact it tries to cover all areas, it is not nearly as comprehensive as it could be had it been split up. I also think there could have been a more comprehensive set of color plates as a number of animals described have no photo at all and some even have no line drawing.

The Audubon series is a must-have for any naturalist. The photos are clear and detailed enough so that out in the field you can get a good idea of what exactly you are looking at. The descriptions in the back of the book are extremely informative.

This is one wonderful and very useful field guide for identifying creatures living on the seashore. It covers most of the basic sealife that one would generally observe and notice living on the coastal shores. Very handy and useful. Definitely one book that should be in one's library if you enjoy the coast.

I bought this as a gift for young children. They loved it because they could match up creatures they found to the pictures. It is a great learning tool and reference.

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