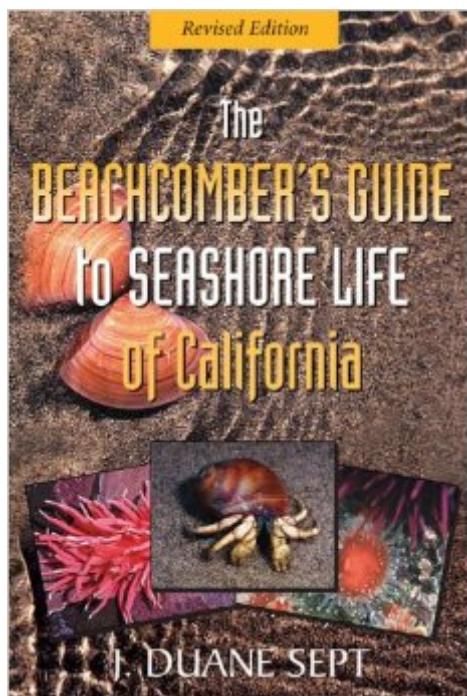


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Synopsis

The California coast is one of the world's richest, most diverse habitats for intertidal marine life. It is also the site of one the world's greatest population concentrations and tourist destinations. Until now, the many millions of people living on and visiting California's coastline have gone without a guide to aid in exploring the abundant seashore life right under their noses. The revised edition of The Beachcomber's Guide to Seashore Life of California changes everything. In a book that is as visually stunning as it is informative, Duane Sept dedicates full-colour photographs and thorough descriptions to each of the most common plants and animals to be found along the saltwater shores of California. Each entry includes the most useful common names for the species along with the scientific or Latin name; a description of its distinguishing physical features or behaviour; and information on its size, habitat and range. There are also sections on understanding tides and intertidal habitats, lists of the best beachcombing sites in California and tips on how to observe seashore life in an ecologically friendly manner. Scientifically accurate, yet simple and straightforward in approach, The revised edition of The Beachcomber's Guide to Seashore Life of California is the perfect companion for every interested observer - the family or the school group, the Sunday beach-walker or the career naturalist.

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I really like this field guide as it gives you the common names, the most updated scientific names, and also the older scientific and common names. It is quite complete, and a must for a serious tide pooler in Calif. In addition, it also has a good representative section on algae, which many book

seem to lack. It is also small enough to carry in the tide pools. I am a retired Zoology Community College Instructor and also a docent for the state parks, and consider this book a must have.

The photos in this book are incredible. I can't wait to take this to California on my next beachcombing experience. I like J. Duane's Sept's field guides. This is a good resource.

This book is organized several ways--by simple distinctions seaworm, fish, spiny-skinned animal and color coded. And then the pictures--they are amazing. You'll be certain which starfish you're examining. Well done!

Out of the 3 books I purchased on tide pools for Northern California this has the most information. Works well with the other 2. Have enjoyed all of them. Has made exploring the tide pools so much more fun.

More amazing than I could have asked for. Tons of great pictures, good descriptions and an idea of where you will find these creatures. Great addition to our tide pool adventure at MacKeriker State Park in CA.

I bought this as an aid for my strolls along the beach. It gives an excellent overview of what you might encounter washed up to the beach after a stormy night or discover in a quiet tide pool. It's written for laypersons but gives a lot of information that's also interesting for specialists. The images are excellent and very characteristic for every species. One of the best books in the market.

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