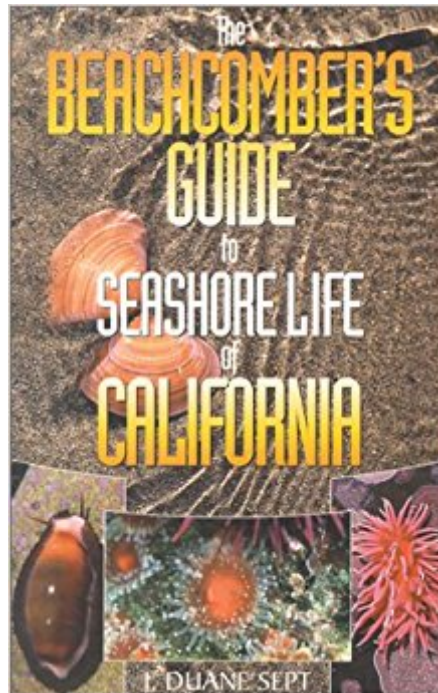




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# The Beachcomber's Guide To Seashore Life Of California



## 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 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 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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Duane Sept's passion for wildlife has brought him to study his subjects and to work throughout western Canada as a biologist, writer, professional photographer and environmental consultant. His photographs and writings have been published in numerous periodicals, including BBC Wildlife,

Canadian Wildlife, Nature Canada and Outdoor Canada. He lives with his wife and two children on the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia.

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.

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 MacKerriker State Park in CA.

Includes many species, clear pictures. Only downside is it's a bit out of date on the scientific names of species, but I knew that the publishing date is more than 10 years ago, so to be expected.

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!

Great guid! Used it on my camping trip to point Reyes and still take it to the beach with me

Great Photos, well referenced. A great book to take to the tidepools.

Text Book

Excellent as an easy to use reference to tide pools and more.

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