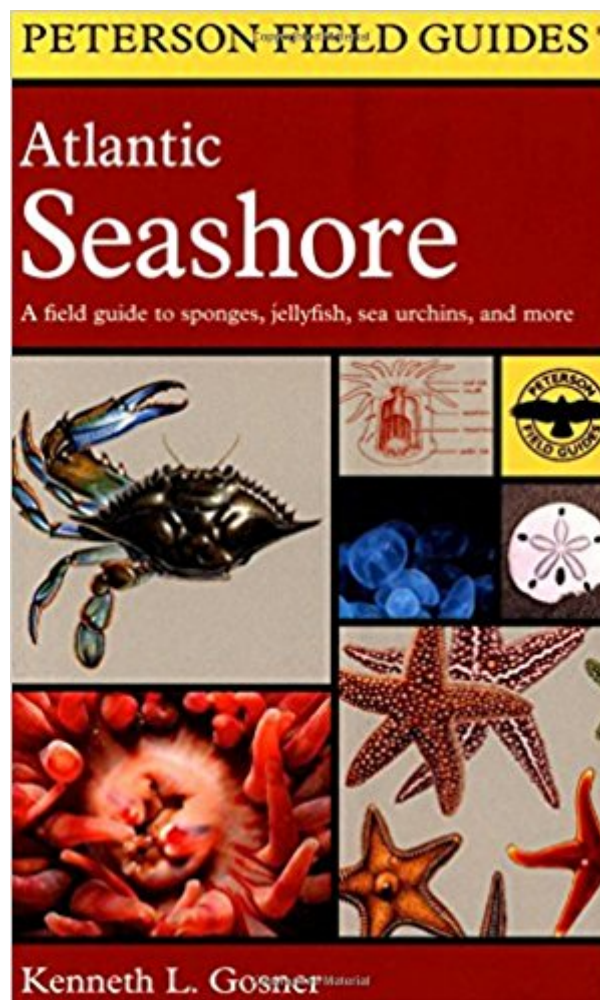




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# A Field Guide To The Atlantic Seashore: From The Bay Of Fundy To Cape Hatteras (Peterson Field Guides)



## Synopsis

More than 1,000 illustrations, arranged according to visual similarities, show plant and animal species of the Atlantic Coast from the Bay of Fundy to Cape Hatteras. This guide includes information on how to locate each species by geographic range, tidal range, tidal level, season, topography, and climate.

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## Customer Reviews

Roger Tory Peterson, one of the world's greatest naturalists, received every major award for ornithology, natural science, and conservation as well as numerous honorary degrees, medals, and citations, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Peterson Identification System has been called the greatest invention since binoculars. These editions include updated material by Michael O'Brien, Paul Lehman, Bill Thompson III, Michael DiGiorgio, Larry Rosche, and Jeffrey A. Gordon.

I have purchased dozens and dozens of these guides for a busy and active department of marine sciences at the university level. They're used every day by a hundred undergraduates in the lab and in the field as an indispensable ID book for keying species of marine plants and animals. The content is excellent, although not as comprehensive as the professors and instructors would like, so we use other guides as well to cross reference some species. The size is about right and it fits into a coat pocket easily. The failing of these Peterson guides is as a bonafide "field guide". The construction overall is cheap and shabby, with materials--paper, covers, binding, spine, photo plate

figures--that fall apart quickly and can't stand up to true field conditions, and just barely even as a lab-only reference guide. These guides should stand up to years of use and abuse under rigorous handling in the field, and they don't. Even my own carefully handled copy has fallen apart sitting in my office. For this reason I have had to replace most or all of our lab's 24 copies of this field guide nearly every year. I've had to essentially consider them "disposable" and put replacement costs into the lab budget each year. That's not what I consider a quality field guide. Peterson publishers need to step up to the plate and beef-up this otherwise good reference guide.,

This book, "A Field Guide to the Atlantic Seashore" is a great field guide. It presents an excellent overview of the life one commonly finds along the Atlantic coast of the USA. The book is arranged taxonomically, and each entry contains a description of characters useful in determining what you are looking at. As a professional biologist, I find this book to be superior in many ways to the Audubon Guides. For example, this Peterson guide includes both common AND scientific names by each entry, the book is arranged taxonomically rather than by other less important characters like color, etc. This book is not, however, what many casual naturalists are looking for in a field guide. They often look for a book filled by page after page of photographs or illustrations. This book is filled by page after page of information more useful to the more advanced amateur or to the professional. There are several illustrations, many are simple line drawings that show details of important characteristics used to tell one kind of organism from another. All in all a great field guide for the advanced amateur and professional. This is not, however, a book that is as likely to be embraced by the casual observer. 5 stars for the more professional audience, but 4 stars for the casual observer. You might be happiest doing what another reviewer suggested... to use this book along with a photo field guide such as an Audubon Field guide to the region. Happy splashing! Alan Holyoak, Dept of Biology, Manchester College, IN

I was looking for a book that would help me learn about living things all along the Eastern seacoast. I had learned quite a bit about coastal areas in Florida but needed a more general book that would cover areas I would explore with my grandchildren and friends. This book covers a great deal of area and, while that's good in many ways, I miss the seashore book I have about Florida alone which makes things so much easier to find. I would love to see seashore books about specific areas (e.g. Maine, Cape Cod etc.) so that referencing would be much easier, especially for younger children. However, that said, it IS a good book to take along in the backpack while exploring all kinds of coastal areas and I DO eventually find what I'm looking for in it.

saboettger@yahoo.com. The Peterson field identification guide to the Atlantic Seashore by Kenneth L. Gosner is a useful tool in fieldwork. Seaweeds and animals are arranged taxonomically and described in detail regarding their distinguishing characteristics. All weeds and animals are called by both their scientific and common name and are described in an easily understood manner. The plates with drawings of creatures found along the Atlantic seashore are helpful to establish visual identification of seaweeds and animals. It is useful that the book explains different marine habitats that you may encounter as well as going into detail on important physical marine features such as water currents, salinity, tides etc. The details on how to maintain and preserve animals are an additional plus of this book. The Peterson field guide is a good tool for the use in class as well as for your personal exploration of the seashore. I would recommend its use in combination with the Audubon Guide to Shore Animals of North America. These books would complement each other since the Audubon Guide displays a similar identification system but enhances it with pictures of animals rather than drawings. The combined use of these books would increase the accuracy of your identification.

Kenneth L. Gosner has written and had compiled the best Atlantic Seaboard field guide ever written on the indigenous sponges, sea urchins and all other creatures from the area. Sections include: HOW TO USE THIS BOOK; COLLECTING AND PRESERVING SPECIMENS, DISTRIBUTION AND HABITATS, SEAWEEDS, SPONGES, POLYPS, HYDROZOANS, HYDROIDS, JELLYFISH, ANTHOMONES, FLATWORMS, NEMERTEANS, ENTOPROCTES, BRYOZOANS, ARROW WORMS, LAMPSHELLS, CHITONS, GASTROPODS [see Hawai'i Five-0 episode 'Cloth of Gold'...], PHYLLOCARDID SCALLOPS, TANAIDS, AMPHIPODS, EUCARIDS and more! I highly recommend this tome, especially if you are more than the casual beach-comber! Rich Salzer, Historical Review Library, Moyock, North Carolina, USA 2010, A.D.

Love this book, just wish it came in a real book format, that wasn't outrageously priced

This was the equivalent of many field guides and met all of my expectations. I am (as an amateur) doing as much research as I can on east coast estuaries and this is a fine resource for my library.

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