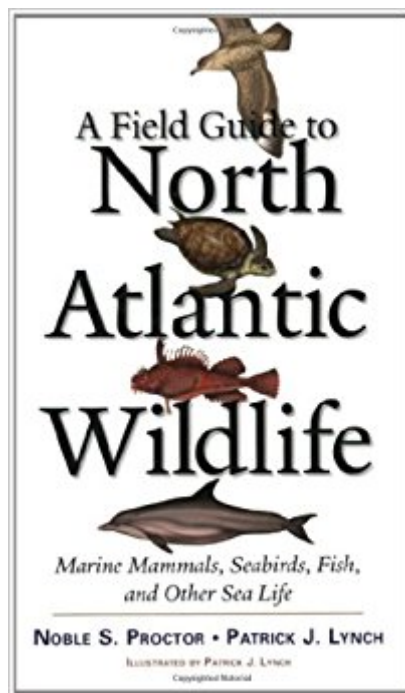




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# A Field Guide To North Atlantic Wildlife: Marine Mammals, Seabirds, Fish, And Other Sea Life



## Synopsis

This beautifully illustrated guide covers an unprecedented range of species that may be sighted along the coastline or offshore by the whale watcher, bird watcher, fisher, boating enthusiast, or natural history buff. Designed in a handy pocket size, the book provides concise information for identifying the invertebrates, mammals, birds, turtles, fish, sharks and rays, and even floating seaweeds and common algae that live along the Atlantic coast and offshore from North Carolina to the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. With range maps and text on pages directly opposite the full-color illustrations, the book makes identification of more than two hundred species of offshore wildlife quick and easy. Special features include full-page spreads to compare similar species of seabirds, and inserts to help identify whales by their blowhole patterns, diving, and other behaviors. Those with an interest in ocean life know that surprises often appear dangling at the end of a fishing line, floating beside the boat, washed up on the shore, or flying overhead. This is the ultimate guide for those who are curious about such creatures and the marine environment in which they dwell.

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An incredible amount of information. . . . The book is a joy to peruse." — Bruce Fellman, Timeout "A Field Guide to North Atlantic Wildlife will appeal to those beachcombers and boaters who will be mobbing the coastal waters this summer, have an interest in wildlife, but don't want to carry a backpack full of field guides to this, that and the other creature with them." — Steve Grant, Hartford Courant "This is a very useful identification guide to the animals likely to be encountered in offshore waters of the western Atlantic from Newfoundland to North Carolina. . . . The coverage of whales and porpoises is especially noteworthy; anyone going on a whale-watching trip in the region will want to have this book along. . . . The small size and sturdy binding make this truly a field guide; it is easy to carry and easy to use. All public, academic, and high school libraries in the region covered will need this book." — ARBA online "This guide is intended for people who boat, fish, whale-watch or bird-watch for recreation along the eastern seaboard of the United States. . . . By helping educate the public about marine life, Proctor and Lynch are promoting stewardship of our natural resources. The guide is well laid out for quick reference. . . . For the person on a seaside vacation, this may be an ideal pocketbook." — Joe Wroblewski, The Northern Mariner "Extremely useful field guide to the Northwest Atlantic. . . . Highly recommended as an introductory or field resource." — Northeastern Naturalist "This truly pocket-sized and very well-illustrated guide gives readers living in the waterways, along with whale watchers and chartered fishing boat customers, a fighting chance at identifying everything from algae to whales. . . . They give clear descriptions of physical characteristics and habitats and even provide a handy species checklist to record your loons, grebes, porpoises, terns and albatrosses." — SciTech Book News "Every sailor, recreational boater, ferry passenger, and all our ships at sea should have this book." — Alan H. Brush, University of Connecticut, Emeritus "The Field Guide to North Atlantic Wildlife, with its broad approach, clear illustrations and crisp descriptions, serves as a powerful reminder of what is at stake in our offshore environment." — Gerard N. Burrow, M.D., Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration "Proctor and Lynch have produced a pelagic masterpiece, describing North Atlantic wildlife from algae to whales. The field guide is beautifully illustrated and marvelously clear." — Gerard N. Burrow, M.D., Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration "The depth and detail found in this guide is equaled only by the richness of the environment that is its focus. Don't leave shore without it." — Pete Dunne, Vice President for Natural History Information, New Jersey Audubon Society "A Field Guide to North Atlantic Wildlife a great summary book — it is attractive, easily accessed, and should quickly open the public's eyes to the wonders of our amazing world." — Tom Bergh, Maine Island Kayak Company "This guide provides a handy, beautifully

illustrated, single reference to the many marine organisms most likely to be encountered in North Atlantic waters, and it should be particularly useful for anyone making offshore whale watching excursions." — Wayne R. Petersen, Swarovski Birding Community

This spectacular field guide belongs in the pocket of anyone who ventures offshore in the North Atlantic region, from Cape Hatteras to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It encompasses more than two hundred species of wildlife, including mammals, birds, turtles, fish, sharks, rays, invertebrates, and even seaweeds, along with range maps, stunning full-color illustrations, and special help with identifying similar species.

This little field guide may not look like much, but it has a lot to offer. Lavishly illustrated and full of information, this field guide is a must have for any beachgoers, sea watchers, wildlife enthusiasts, or even just casual visitors and Atlantic Coast residents. This field guide covers all of the sea birds, fishes, marine mammals, and various other collections of wildlife that are found along the northern atlantic coast, from Norfolk, VA, all the way up to Maine and beyond. One of the best things about this field guide is the wonderful color plates that beautifully illustrates all of this wildlife and makes identification of species much easier. When I found this guide, I could not believe it and absolutely fell in love with it. For all nature enthusiasts along the coast, this field guide is for you. It will make an excellent addition to your library as it did for me and will surely not disappoint.

Everyone from lobstermen, fishing captains, recreational fishermen, beach lovers and birders will find something to learn and appreciate in this book

This is a perfect guide to use after you walk on Florida beaches and nature areas. Very descriptive and great photos.

My little boy is very interested in fish and wildlife. I bought this book and wasn't sure if he would be into it but he enjoys all the pictures. A very nice book.

This is a nice little book that covers wildlife of the North Atlantic and easily fits in one's backpack. The illustrations are excellent and the descriptions brief, but comprehensive.

Although the graphics were in detail, as an avid saltwater flyfisherman I was disappointed in the

discriptions given for the species...When Mackrel was discribed there was no mentions of Tinker Mackrel a major food souce for Striped Bass who feed on this fish.( What I found interesting was the color plate for "Alantic Mackrel" looked a lot alike Tinker Mackrel.) When Weak fish were discribed a total length of 20 inch was given. I personally caught and released a Weak Fish well over 28 inches weighing in at 8 pounds.I did not bother to read the rest of the book. I was hoping I could learn something but, I have no idea what the total facts are in species I know not much about. I just don't think there was enough research given when putting this book together.

This book is a delight to look at: the illustrations are stunning, the design is clean and elegant. It's a delight to hold: the binding, the quality of the paper, the form factor. And it's a delight to read: the text is clear and concise, while packed with detail. For me, the most compelling aspect of the book is the illustrations, which Lynch brings to life on the pages. I unhesitantly recommend this book to anyone who takes pleasure in the wildlife of the North Atlantic.

The most striking aspect of this book to me, after taking in the richly and lovingly painted portraits of shoreline wildlife, is the depth of the included species. This book does not merely include the usual suspects, but includes the smallest foundation creatures at the base of the shoreline food chain on up. From the informative maps, and intuitive layout, this book is an easily pocketable gem and a great reference. -David Bolinsky

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