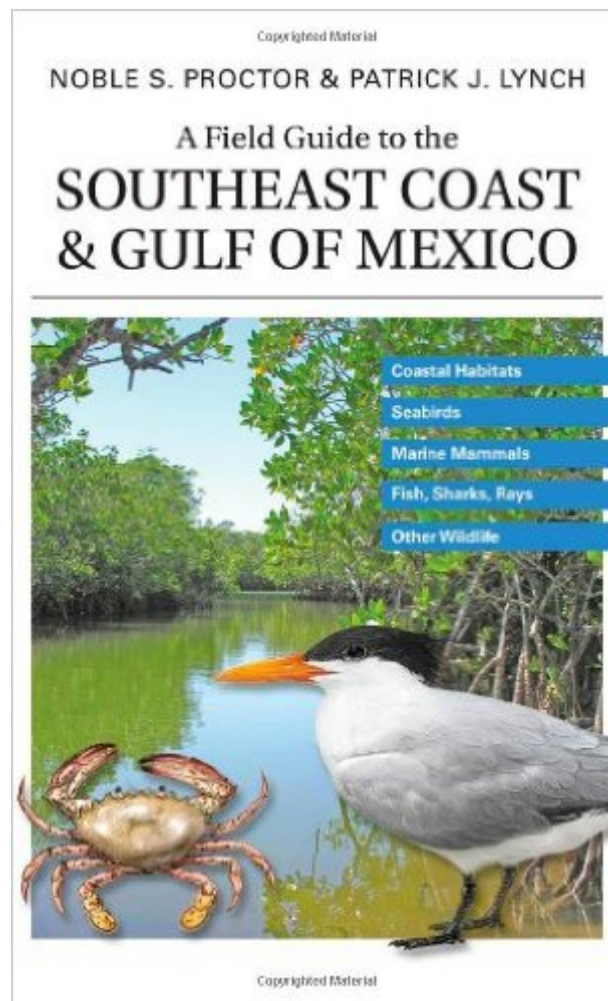


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# A Field Guide To The Southeast Coast & Gulf Of Mexico: Coastal Habitats, Seabirds, Marine Mammals, Fish, & Other Wildlife



## Synopsis

This superb book, with its unique focus on the entire marine coastal environment, is the most comprehensive and up-to-date field guide available on the southeastern Atlantic Coast and the Gulf Coast. Not just for beachgoers, the book is essential for birders, whale watchers, fishers, boaters, scuba divers and snorkelers, and shoreline visitors. Features of the guide: Entries on 619 coastal and ocean species More than 1,100 color illustrations 450 up-to-date range maps Overviews of key ecological communities, including mangroves, salt marshes, beaches, sand dunes, and coral reefs Special attention to threatened and endangered species Discussions of environmental issues, including such catastrophic events as Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon blowout Glossary Excellent organizational aids for locating information quickly

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## Customer Reviews

As an ecologist, I routinely have to wade through heavy, dry reference books. When I went on vacation, I wanted to understand the local ecosystems, but didn't want to turn it into work. This book was perfect. The author presents an extraordinarily deep understanding of these areas, but the information is so interestingly discussed and depicted that the process is thoroughly enjoyable. I actually read this book cover to cover before I left. Using this reference, I was able to immediately identify the three dominant species of mangrove. It was also useful in identifying many species of plants, and wading and shore birds. Unlike other taxonomic treatments, some of Proctors descriptions made me laugh out loud. I only wish that other taxonomists would take notice.

What a great book! As new Florida residents, we wanted to be able to identify the many fish and birds that we see. This book has them all, plus plants, seashells, etc. Very well written, informative, and easy to use.

I love a guide that is so well organized that the index is not really needed. And what's not to love about a guide detailing more species of shore visiting sharks than you ever thought possible. We bought it for a St. Simons, GA stay and it was right on.

When I discovered the Field Guide to North Atlantic Wildlife, I wondered if there was a companion guide out there that covered from where the North Atlantic Field Guide left off. That is, from essentially Norfolk, VA all the way down to the Gulf Coast and past the Florida Keys. After a little research, I came to find this book, which is exactly that! This book is the companion to the North Atlantic Field Guide. It covers from the Virginia beach areas, all the way down to the Gulf Coast and past Florida into the Keys. This Field Guide is as magnificent as the first. It covers all of the different seabirds, marine mammals, fishes, and all other marine life and even plants. Richly illustrated and packed with information, this guide is again, for all those who live on the coast, are near the coast, visit the coast, or have a love for the coast and its life. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves nature and wildlife. This book will make an excellent addition to your library as it has for mine.

Incredible guidebook for beginners. Very illustrative, clear, concise and relatively informative. Not a good scientific or graduate level book, but would be GREAT for kids, adults just looking to find what's out there and for high school biology or aquatic science students.

The best illustrated field guide I've seen in my 45 years as a park naturalist. An excellent guide to the natural history of the southeast coasts of the US. Purchased as a gift for a couple who retired to Panama City, Florida.

I had the pleasure of watching many of these extraordinary illustrations come to life under the supremely talented hands and eyes of Patrick Lynch. Unlike many illustrators who work solely to get the physical attributes of the subject correct, Patrick Lynch expresses much of the behavior and character of the subjects as they are in real life such as the birds in flight. I have other books from this strong collaboration between an academic expert and his artistic muse. If you haven't seen their

textbook Manual of Ornithology and love birds, it's worth seeking out at a library, although you may need to ask for it from a university lending program.

I appreciate to book's readability and excellent illustrations. I found the index frustrating, however; for instance, the fish we have always locally called "redfish" or "channel bass" -- the red drum -- was only located by googling the familiar names first. And the snook (robalo) doesn't seem to be included at all. A small crab I collected cannot be identified in these pages, nor does the book satisfy me about the tiny shrimp in our local manatee grass. I like the book for quick, easy identification and working knowledge, but I think I need another field guide.

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