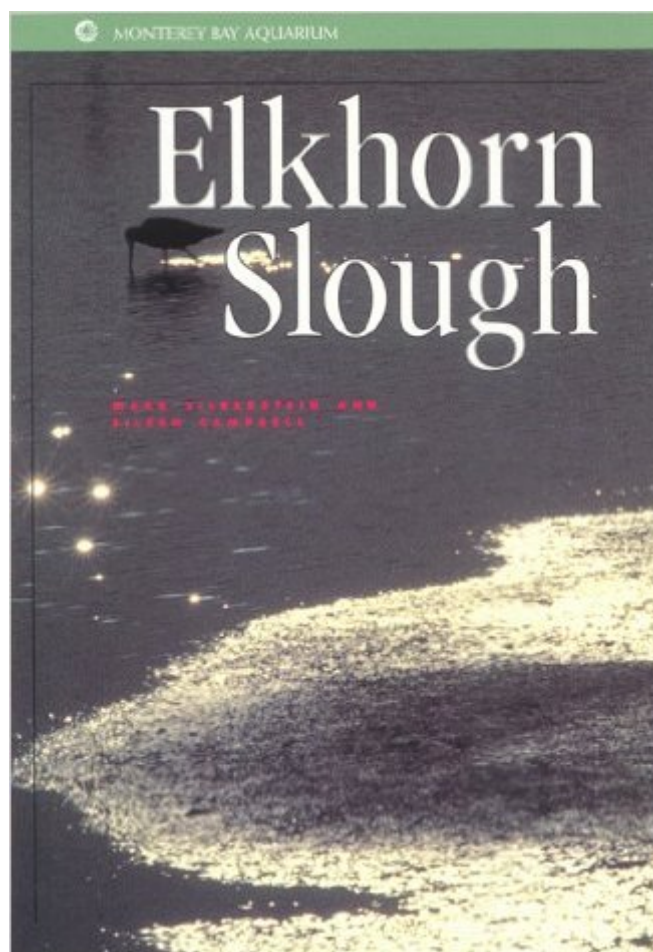


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Customer Reviews

This is an enticing little book about a glorious place. Elkhorn Slough is a seasonal brackish-water estuary which drains into Monterey Bay, about 100 miles south of the Golden Gate. It's a National Research Reserve, managed by Cal Fish & Game, not a pristine wilderness by any means, but a "rescued" and partly restored coastal wetlands. The initial efforts to rescue it came from The Nature Conservancy, an organization to which I contribute more willingly than to any political campaign. More than 75% of California's coastal wetlands have been ravaged by development, and the efforts to destroy the remainder for short-term profit have been assisted by the current Republican

administrations in DC and in Sacramento. The little book gives a history of the salvation of Elkhorn, and an eloquent description of the ecological value of sloughs and marshes. It also includes descriptions of the flora and fauna, including life habits and significance to the hills above and sea below the slough. There are wonderful pictures of the estuary and its fauna, particularly of the birds and marine mammals. One is certain to see large numbers of birds there, even in the months between migrations, as well as seals, sea lions, and sea otters. Elkhorn is probably the finest place to observe otters in all of California. Bird-watchers, take note: on a single day, from my kayak, I've seen pelicans, two species of grebes, loons, four species of gulls, cormorants, mergansers, pintails, buffleheads, shovelers, ruddy ducks, all manner of common ducks, geese, dowitchers, stilts, avocets, willets, curlews, clapper rails, night herons, blue herons, two species of egrets, three species of hawks, and a rabble of songbirds.

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