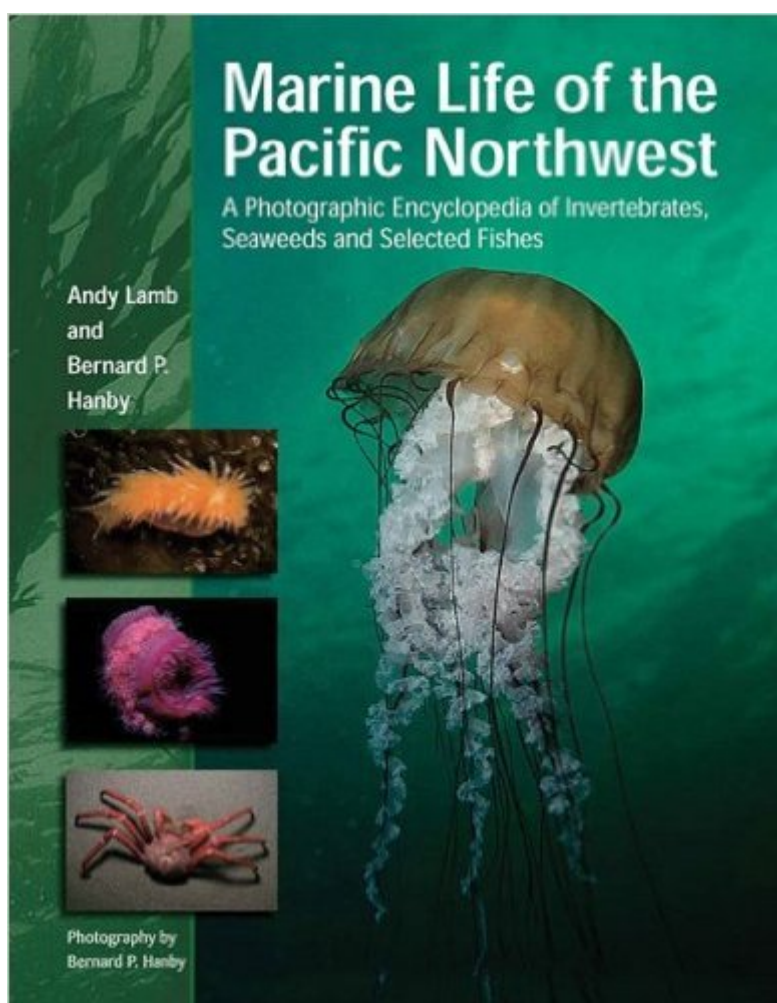


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Marine Life Of The Pacific Northwest: A Photographic Encyclopedia Of Invertebrates, Seaweeds And Selected Fishes



Synopsis

Finalist for 2006 BC Booksellers' Choice Award In Honour Of Bill Duthie With 1,700 superb colour photographs of over 1,400 species, *Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest: A Photographic Encyclopedia of Invertebrates, Seaweeds and Selected Fishes* is the most comprehensive collection of photographs of Pacific Northwest marine life ever published. It is designed to allow the reader to recognize virtually any coastal organism that might be encountered from southern Alaska to southern Oregon--from sea lettuces and feather boa kelp through to the leopard ribbon worm, Pacific red octopus, spiny-thigh sea spider and gutless awning-clam. Each species is identified with photographs and includes a description with information on range, habitat, appearance and behaviour. Andy Lamb and Bernard Hanby have spent most of their lifetimes studying and recording Pacific Northwest marine life and have completed over 4,000 scuba dives between them. Some of the species included in this volume have never been featured in print before. Colour-coded for quick reference and including a glossary and full index, *Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest* is a must-have for serious biologists, scuba divers, beachcombers or anyone interested in marine life and beautiful underwater photography.

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Customer Reviews

I work for a West Coast marine lab and I purchased this both for my work and for my own enjoyment. Twenty years in the making, there is nothing close to this in terms of illustrated guides for the region. Being that I work in the lesser known of the invertebrates, I was glad to see that the

minor phyla are paid just as much attention to as the more common ones. I showed my copy around the lab, which led at least four more copies to be purchased. Upon opening the cover and flipping to any page, the first-time reader is speechless at the quality of the photos and the overall organization of the work. Yes, reference books like these are a bit more expensive than the everyday field guide, but this has so much more: Common name, scientific name (and limited synonymy), distribution, special remarks on each species... Very recommended!

Enhanced with 1,700 superb color photographs, *Marine Life Of The Pacific Northwest: A Photographic Encyclopedia Of Invertebrates, Seaweeds And Selected Fishes* by Andy Lamb (Marine naturalist and educator) features the photography from Bernard P. Hanby (recipient of the Vancouver Natural History Society's 2003 Davidson Award for Conservation) and is an impressively thorough collection of the majestic ocean life associated with the Pacific Northwest. Featuring a "user friendly" and alphabetically organized listing of diverse fish, seaweed and invertebrate aquatic life, *Marine Life Of The Pacific Northwest* offers a comprehensive compendium of more than 1,400 saltwater plants and animals, and includes a quick reference usability with guide, maps, glossary, index, and color-coded pages for easy information access and identification, as well as entries that include the common name, scientific name, size, range, depth, description, picture, description and comments, and more. A core reference work for professional and academic library reference collections, *Marine Life Of The Pacific Northwest* is very strongly recommended for all marine-savvy explorers of the Pacific Northwest area.

This book is one of the most amazing publishing accomplishments I have seen. The authors and their friends have accumulated 1700 superb photographs of marine life, especially the tiny and obscure invertebrates that almost no one has even seen or suspected, let alone photographed. (Where else are you going to find photos of neon sea-fleas and parasitic copepods in the wild?) Many of the animals herein are not even described scientifically. I studied fisheries development for years and thought I knew something about marine life, but I never knew there were so many worms and snails and tunicates out there, let alone did I ever see them or photos of them. Everyone interested in nature or biology should have this book, or at least look at it, just to see what amazing things there are in the world. It is of interest far beyond the narrow confines of Northwest Coast shores.

so I'm no expert on marine life, but I'm very interested in the subject. I got this book and had high

expectations that were more than met. The photography is excellent, the organization is excellent, and the contents extensive. I really like how they tell you both the common and the scientific names, and how they have some short descriptions of behaviors or characteristics. I actually got it for my boyfriend because he wants to study to be a marine biologist and i saw the other reviews by people who were in related fields, and they made it sound like a book that would be useful even to an expert but not only useful to an expert. And it is. He loves the book (says its one of the best gifts he has ever gotten) and was very impressed by the quality of the contents, he uses it all the time. Bottom line the book is awesome i would recommend it to ANYONE who loves ocean life.

This book is wonderful! I just recently got certified and am diving alot! This books helps me to identify all the wonderful creatures I am encountering in the waters of the Pacific Northwest! The photos are amazing and with detailed descriptions its not hard to figure out where to look for interesting underwater animals! I use this book weekly to help me make notes in my dive log after each dive. I highly recomend this book if you are a diver! I actually just Identified a Pacific Spiney Lump sucker on my dive today, using this book! My Dive buddy and I saw two during our dive, apparently quite a rare treat from what I have heard! I whole heartedly want to thank the authors and photographers who took the time to publish this book!

I love this book. This book is ideal for mainly scuba divers (or snorkelers) and those who are interested in local marine wildlife. This book is thorough, with images (sometimes two) to go with each animal. The authors included almost every possible animal in the pacific northwest. It's quite easy to identify animals seen. My only complaints are not important ones. 1. 40 pages on seaweed?!?!?!? 2. While the organization is good, I feel it could improve with some pop-up bookmarks for each section. I did put some in myself, though.

Bought this as gift for my son and daughter-in-law who live in the Pacific Northwest area. They enjoy the book - the beautiful pictures with the very informative descriptions. Said will make a nice addition to their collection and something they can read during the less than optimal weather days when beach walks are put on hold.

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