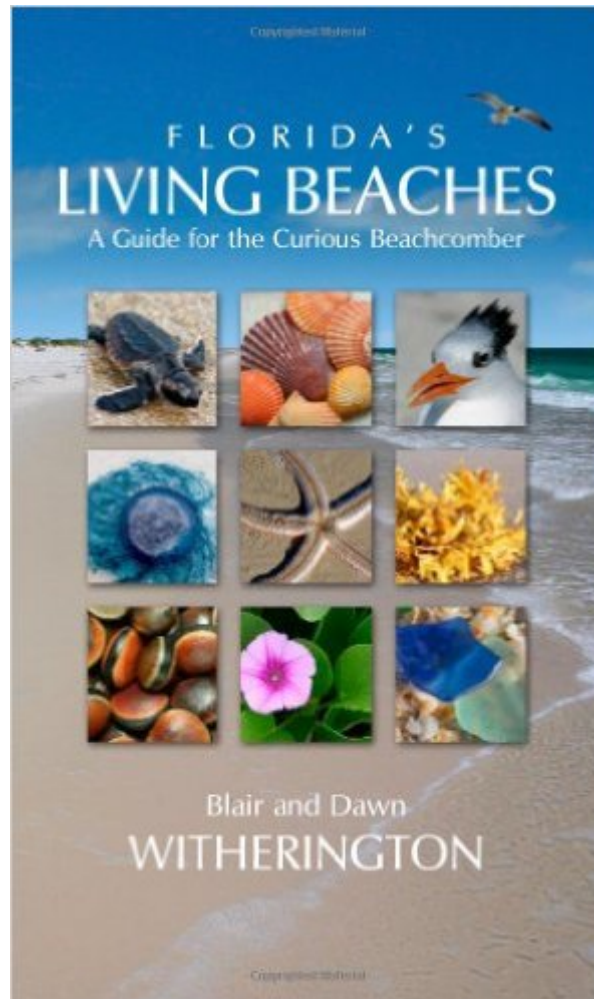


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# Florida's Living Beaches: A Guide For The Curious Beachcomber



## Synopsis

Florida has 1200 miles of coastline, almost 700 miles of which are sandy beaches. Exploring along those beaches offers encounters with myriads of plants, animals, minerals, and manmade objects--all are covered in this comprehensive guide with descriptive accounts of 822 items, 983 color images, and 431 maps. Beginning with the premise that beaches are themselves alive, this guide to the natural history of Florida beaches heralds the living things and metaphorical life near, on, and within the state's sandy margins. It is organized into Beach Features, Beach Animals, Beach Plants, Beach Minerals, and Hand of Man. In addition to being an identification guide, the book reveals much of the wonder and mystery between dune and sea along Florida's long coastline.

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## Customer Reviews

This book doesn't really need my 5-star review added to it, it already has plenty. But it's nice to be able to review a quality product, there aren't many out there! This book is seriously great - it is the only book I've ever read that really answers the questions of curious beach-going minds. Because of the glossy attractive look of the book, I was not expecting it to have much substance - nearly all books like this give up content for pretty pictures and rather surface obvious facts for casual readers. But this book has beautiful photos, and really interesting and actually pretty detailed content, too! I bought about 10 books on Florida beaches, flora, and fauna - some which were supposedly much more detailed and had no nice photos in them - and yet this was the one book that helped me identify some plants and a bird I could not get a good description of in any of the

others. The details go beyond simple identification too, including fun facts and useful info if you encounter them. Not at all what I was expecting, for what I thought was yet another "tourist book." I really love that this book has photos and explanations of the things curious people wonder about but don't know how to ask, things no other book would bother to talk about: beach junk. There is a whole section on the random ways that people affect oceans and beaches, and the way the ocean affects those things people leave behind. So many times I see pieces of unidentified "stuff" on the beach, and this helped put names to it, and explained how these things affect our environment (and how the ocean changes them - like for instance sea glass).

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