

References for Pacific Coast Marine Life Identification

Assembled by the USU Scuba Club, <http://www.usu.edu/scuba>

General

<http://www.metridium.com> many pictures of Monterey critters, with identification info

Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest: A Photographic Encyclopedia of Invertebrates, Seaweeds And Selected Fishes - Lamb and Hanby (excellent for algae and invertebrate life).

A Living Bay: The Underwater World of Monterey Bay - Langstroth (specific to Monterey, CA)

Algae (Seaweeds)

Pacific Seaweeds - Louis and Druehl

Seaweeds of the Pacific Coast: Common Marine Algae from Alaska to Baja California - Mondragon

Marine Algae of California - Abbott and Hollenberg (more technical)

Invertebrates

Guide to Marine Invertebrates: Alaska to Baja California - Gotshall (great portable reference)

The Sponges of California: A guide and key to the marine sponges of California - Lee, Elvin, and Reiswig (technical)

Pacific Coast Pelagic Invertebrates: A Guide to the Common Gelatinous Animals - Wrobel and Mills

Eastern Pacific Nudibranchs: A Guide to the Opisthobranchs from Alaska to Central America - Behrens and Hermosillo

Pacific Coast Crabs and Shrimps - Jensen

The Light and Smith Manual: Intertidal Invertebrates from Central California to Oregon - Carlton (technical)

Fishes

Coastal Fish Identification: California to Alaska - Humann (excellent fish ID book)

A Field Guide to Pacific Coast Fishes : North America - Eschmeyer, Herald, and Hammann

Pacific Coast Inshore Fishes - Gotshall

Fishes of the Pacific Coast: Alaska to Peru, Including the Gulf of California and the Galapagos Islands - Goodson (inexpensive)

The Ecology of Marine Fishes: California and Adjacent Waters - Allen (more natural history than identification)

Probably More Than You Want to Know About the Fishes of the Pacific Coast - Love (natural history info)

Marine Mammals

National Audubon Society Guide to Marine Mammals of the World - Folkens (nice worldwide guide)

Whales, Dolphins, and Other Marine Mammals of the World - Shirihai and Jarrett

Peterson Field Guide to Mammals of North America: Fourth Edition - Reid (all mammals of N. Am, including marine mammals)