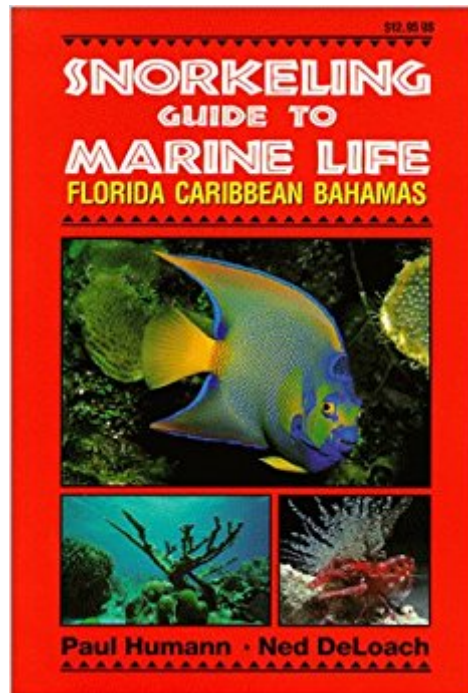


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# Snorkeling Guide To Marine Life Florida, Caribbean, Bahamas



## Synopsis

A field guide that illustrates the variety of fish, corals, invertebrates and plants you are most likely to encounter in less than 15 feet of water in the Caribbean. It also features photographs that are suitable for identification purposes.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great book for snorkelers and beginning divers! The color photographs are beautiful and make identification easy. Although this small book is nowhere near as comprehensive as Humann's complete reef identification set, it's a great bargain for those wanting to know the names of most of the common things they see when snorkeling in the Caribbean. The book also contains some valuable pointers about which plants and animals should be approached with caution, how to treat stings, and other interesting facts. It's disappointing that there are so many typos, especially considering that there is relatively little text in the book.

If you dive or snorkel with any regularity, buy the 3-book set by Humann and Deloach. For casual snorkelers or divers, this book will do wonderfully. It's a bit heavy on the fish, so if you are looking for comprehensive invertebrate, algae, or coral guides, look elsewhere. Otherwise, this book will certainly enhance your enjoyment of snorkeling and diving.

Snorkeling Guide to Marine Life is a very handy truncation of three heavy, bulky, but excellent references. There are extraordinary photographs of fish, creatures, and coral taken by noticeable

experts. The fish species covered are stunning, and carefully chosen for quality. The others are also amazing and exciting. A favorite fish species of mine, the Trumpetfish, is included here, shown in a beautiful photograph. Other interesting fish, such as puffers, cowfish, and triggerfish, are also listed. The "Creature Identification" section of the guide is as carefully picked out as the "Fish" ID part. Beautiful crabs, shrimps, and others are shown in nice photos. All make to combine a short, but very helpful field companion.

We used this book daily while snorkeling in Bonaire. Very good pictures and descriptions. Also good descriptions of coral.

With almost 300 crisp color photographs of the fish, sponges, corals, and other living things in the Caribbean, this is an invaluable guide for the snorkeler or scuba diver. The various wrasses, parrotfish, blennies, angelfish, surgeonfish, as well as groupers, jacks and porgies are illustrated and succinctly described. The names are as colorful as the fish! With this guide you'll know when you've seen a social feather duster, a slippery dick, a moon jelly. This is an 80-page guide, not exhaustive or complete, but for the vast majority of underwater explorers, it's just the thing. I've been using it for diving and snorkeling in the Florida Keys for over ten years.

This guide is short, but very effective. The book has drawings as well as pictures for fish identification. The drawings point out pertinent points for differentiation between fish and how the fish are classified. The book includes corals and some invertebrates as well. I bought this book before going snorkeling in Key Largo. To my surprise, I identified many of the fish as well as corals in this book. For the value, this book is a great purchase for Caribbean, Florida snorkeling, or scuba diving trips.

I used this to identify almost all of the fish I saw snorkeling on the reef of Belize, Central America, which is the western Caribbean. I found almost all the fish I had seen and taken photos of, with only a couple exceptions. The pix of juvenile fish was very helpful. It is a good starter reference. If you need more detailed information, there are other books for that, like "Guide to Marine Life" by Marty Snyderman.....

After reading the other reviews about this book here on , I opted to purchase it to accompany me on a 3-week kayaking trip of the outer islands of Belize. I am more or less a novice at tropical

snorkeling and at the beginning of the trip, I had no idea who I was sharing my underwater adventures with, but after consulting this book before and after every dive, by the end of the trip I could say "oh, there's a stoplight parrotfish in the intermediate stage" as if I'd known my whole life. Beautiful full-color photos helped greatly with identifying my finned friends and the corals and other creatures they live with. Brief explanations of each of the groups of critters were interesting and educational too. This is definitely not a fully-encompassing guide and probably not for folks who already know most of the plants and animals they are snorkeling with in the Caribbean, but for those who are starting off completely clueless, I **\*HIGHLY\*** recommend this book. Both I and my kayaking partner (who grew up in Panama and had been diving with these guys all his life, but never knew who they were!) thoroughly enjoyed learning from this book. I'm back here on now to purchase the more comprehensive books for our next Caribbean kayaking trip! :) Two thumbs up!

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