



## Offshore Sea Life ID Guide West Coast: Book Review

The book entitled “**Offshore Sea Life ID Guide West Coast**” written by **Steve N. G. Howell and Brian L. Sullivan** in collaboration with **Todd McGrath and Tom Johnson** is a wonderful book for amateurs, environmentalist and photographers for off shore identification of birds and mammals such as Whales, Albatross. It covers 20 species of mammals and 40 species of birds. The author has compiled 50 years of experience in the form of this book. For a beginner, some technical words have been described in the beginning. Identification of Killer Whale and Whales, Dolphin and Porpoises, Sea Lions, Fur Seals, Elephant Seals and Rarer marine Mammals has been described under separate headings. The photographs are excellent and even a layman can identify these mammals from the photographs. The careful examination of these photographic features is going to be extremely helpful for identification of sea mammals.

Sea birds have been separately described under common headings. Wings span and pattern of plumage and beak shapes are the important characteristic implied for the identification of birds. Some of the photographs of these features are of very high quality and are rare photographs. It is a feast to eyes to go through this book. At the end, the identification of turtles, sea snakes, jelly fish, krill etc. have also been included. I am confident this book will be of immense value for off shore wildlife lovers. I highly appreciate the effort and pains taken by authors in finalizing this fine and handy book **Off Shore Sea Life Identification Guide**.

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