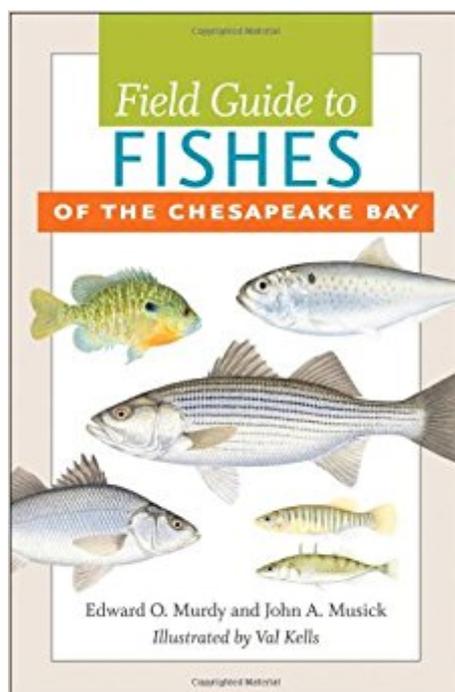


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# Field Guide To Fishes Of The Chesapeake Bay



## Synopsis

The only comprehensive field guide to the Chesapeake's fishes, this book is an indispensable resource for both anglers and students of the Bay. Vivid illustrations by Val Kells complement the expertise of researchers Edward O. Murdy and John A. Musick. They describe fishes that inhabit waters ranging from low-salinity estuaries to the point where the Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean. Key features of this field guide include full-color illustrations of more than 200 species; text that is presented adjacent to illustrations for easy reference; detailed descriptions of physical characteristics, range, occurrence in the Bay, reproduction, diet, and statistics from fisheries research; spot illustrations that highlight critical features of certain fish; illustrations of juveniles when they look different from adults; appendices that include identification keys. Formatted as a compact field guide for students, scientists, researchers, and fishermen, *Field Guide to Fishes of the Chesapeake Bay* should be a standard passenger on any boat that plies the Chesapeake's waters.

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ecologically, commercially, and recreationally. This field guide will certainly find a place on my skiff." (John Page Williams, Senior Naturalist, Chesapeake Bay Foundation)" Fishes of the Chesapeake Bay is an incredibly valuable and overdue update on the myriad species that now inhabit North America's largest estuary. This work is a must have for anglers, naturalists, scientists, outdoors people and anyone who just loves the Chesapeake Bay. Authors (and scientists) Murdy and Musick should be congratulated for such a comprehensive effort and the illustrations of artist Val Kells are nothing short of extraordinary." (Dennis Doyle Bay Weekly)"A must have for those with an interest in the fishes of the region." (Ian Paulsen Birdbooker Report)"Another outstanding field guide illustrated by Val Kells. This guide's illustrations and distinctive diagnostic characteristics are accompanied by life history information taken by the authors from their previous excellent text, Fishes of Chesapeake Bay. The dichotomous keys allow anyone to identify a fish to the family level and then the key to each of the families to the species level... A must for professionals, fishermen and the public who live in this area and adjacent areas and want to identify and learn about the 211 fishes described in detail." (Ron Kernehan, M.S., Ichthyologist and current research leader on studies of the inshore fishes of Lower Delaware Bay and the Delaware Inland Bays)"Finally! A truly comprehensive and well-illustrated field guide to the fishes of the Chesapeake Bay is available." (Wendy Gilbert Mariner Chesapeake)"Director of the National Science Foundation office in Tokyo, Murdy and Musick catalogue fish... in the largest of US estuaries... The information is oriented towards fishing, and the excellent drawings by marine science illustrator Val Kells are not fanciful in-habitat creations, but aids for identifying the species of the fish in the bottom of the boat." (Reference and Research Book News)"The only comprehensive field guide to the Chesapeake's fishes, this book is an indispensable resource for both anglers and students of the Bay." (Northeastern Naturalist)"[Kells] is meticulous in her detail that makes her final product scientifically accurate so that her images can be used by scientist and the public alike. Anyone with an interest in the Chesapeake Bay and its fishes will find her work invaluable as a resource." (Marine Environmental Research Corporation)"Field Guide to the Fishes of the Chesapeake Bay will enrich the time anyone spends on the waters of the Chesapeake... The science is solid as it should be from two veteran ichthyologists, but it also carries an engaging human touch that brings each species to life." (John Page Williams Chesapeake Bay Magazine)"Overall, a very useful guide to fish of this region." (Choice)"The new Field Guide to Fishes of the Chesapeake Bay will enrich the time anyone spends on the waters of the Chesapeake." (Chesapeake Bay Magazine)"The authors accomplished what they set out to do and did it well. Those with an interest in fishes of the Chesapeake region should buy the book: they won't be sorry." (William D. Anderson, Jr. Copeia)

Edward O. Murdy is the director of the National Science Foundation office in Tokyo, Japan. John A. Musick is the Marshall Acuff Professor Emeritus in Marine Science at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary. Val Kells is a marine science illustrator who has contributed to a long list of publications, including *A Field Guide to Coastal Fishes*, also published by Johns Hopkins.

This new volume is a welcome replacement for the classic reference *Fishes of the Chesapeake Bay*, now out of print, published in 1997 by the Smithsonian Institution. The earlier book was useful, but this new one is much more so. Although the number of species covered has been reduced slightly (from 267 to 211), the entries, which cover key features, geographical distribution, economy, and fishing interest, have been thoroughly updated and improved. Most importantly, each includes an excellent 4-color illustration by Val Kells. (The previous edition made do with illustrations from the Smithsonian Institution archives, most of them black and white, with only the few color illustrations appearing at the front of the book, not with the entries themselves.) An updated introductory section describes the physical and chemical features of the bay, the general characteristics of the fish fauna, and the major categories of fish that inhabit the varied environments of the bay. If you care to know about the fishes of the Chesapeake Bay, this is THE reference book to have. Steven Lewers, President, Steven M. Lewers & Associates, publishers of *Folding Guides*(tm), laminated, fold-up nature identification guides

This is such a wonderful book, but I have one suggestion for the publisher (not a small deal). it would be great if it could also be offered as a spiral book-- with waterproof/laminated pages. I'd be willing to much a lot more money to have one out on the boat that would be waterproof and easier to read.

The book is fairly comprehensive, and a very good "Field guide". My only argument is the book covers fishes not really native to the Chesapeake proper. Its coverage is greater than just the Bay, and includes a good portion of the huge area which is the Chesapeakes watershed. That said it is a great Guide for the entire Chesapeake watershed.

fantastic product, highly recommend, excellent shipping, very fast.

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Wonderful guide to fishes in the bay.

Beautiful Pictures!

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