

The Freshwater Mussels of Maine

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This attractive book is the first comprehensive guide to the freshwater mussels of Maine, and includes all species that you would find in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, southern Vermont and the Canadian Maritime provinces. The book is written for scientists and non-scientists alike, and utilizes a non-technical, visual approach to species identification. Aquatic biologists, environmental consultants, watershed groups, volunteer biomonitoring groups and outdoor enthusiasts with a curiosity for aquatic biodiversity will find this book an excellent addition to their bookshelf or coffee table! Among the many topics covered in the introductory chapters are:

- Systematics and diversity of freshwater mussels
- Anatomy, life history, growth, and habitat
- The role of freshwater mussels in natural ecosystems and their importance to humans
- Conservation status and reasons for regional and worldwide losses of mussel diversity
- Current efforts to protect and restore mussel populations and their critical habitats
- The role of glacial history, zoogeography, and recent environmental history in shaping freshwater mussel assemblages in northeastern North America
- Methods to find and document freshwater mussels

The species accounts include a description that refers to photographs and illustrations of diagnostic features, a description of confusing species, range, habitat, reproductive characteristics, and conservation status. All waterbodies in Maine where each species is known to exist are provided in a table, as well as a statewide range map. The book is 8.5" x 11", color, printed on heavy glossy paper, and 118 pages. It includes nearly 40 photographs, nearly 100 illustrations, diagrams, and shell images, and 16 tables.

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