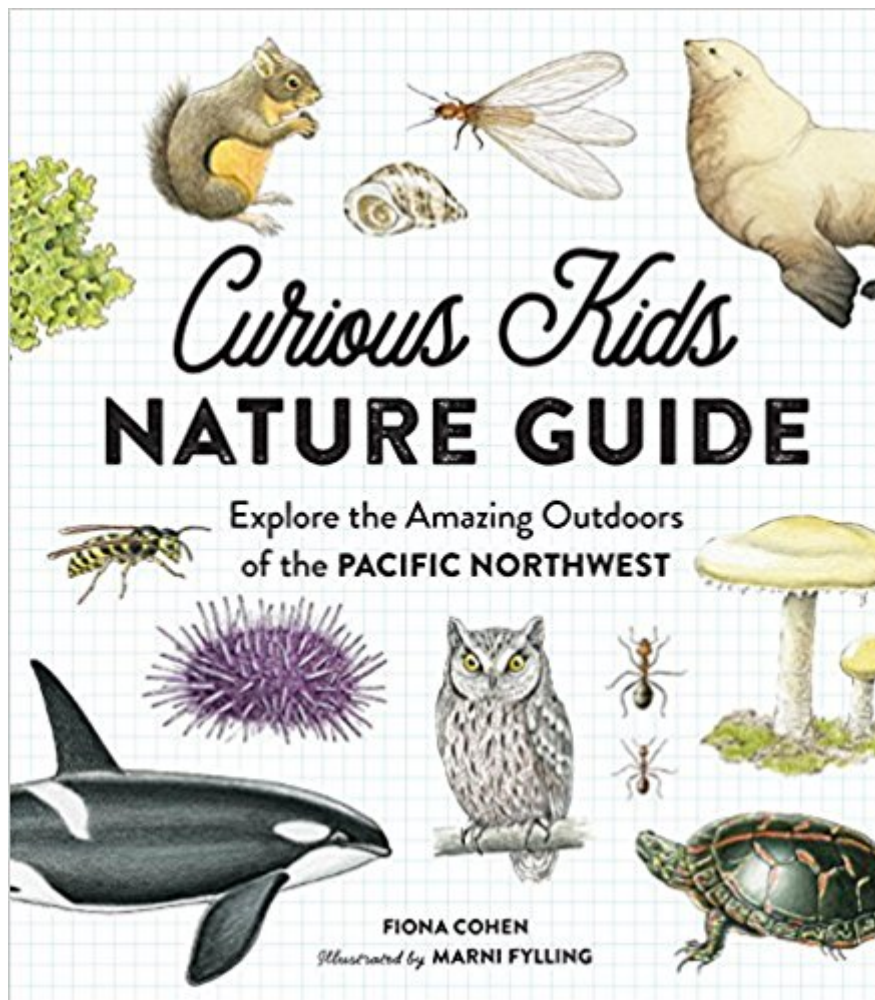




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# Curious Kids Nature Guide: Explore The Amazing Outdoors Of The Pacific Northwest



## Synopsis

Filled with fun facts and 100 full-color, beautiful, and scientifically accurate illustrations, this nature guide will inspire kids to go outdoors and discover the natural wonders of the Pacific Northwest. Did you know that baby raccoons are smaller than a bar of soap? Or that salmon smell using little pits in the front of their eyes? Curious Kids Nature Guide is filled with full-color illustrations and fun facts about the natural wonders of the Pacific Northwest, encouraging kids to discover and explore nature in their own backyards and beyond. Organized by habitat--forest, beach, fresh water, and backyards and urban parks--this book will teach kids about some of the most intriguing flora, fauna, and natural phenomena of the region while also sharing ecological lessons.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

A PNBA Bestseller!"This beautiful field guide with winsome scientific illustrations encourages kids to get outside and experience nature with all of their senses." "Booklist" "A fine primer for children and families ready to explore Cascadia's extraordinary habitats." "Kirkus Reviews" "Encourage outdoor exploration and provide a summer teaching moment without your kids even knowing it. Area resident Fiona Cohen's descriptions of the flora and fauna are short, clear and fun, with lots of kids-friendly facts that will stick in their brains (and yours)." "Seattle Times" "If you have a little kid with a big curiosity about the amazing array of critters and plants

sharing our lush NW environment, [this book] will likely provide answers to his or her questions and spark many more." • "Seattle's Child" Older kids who love spouting off animal facts will be all about this beautifully illustrated exploration of Pacific Northwest nature." "Seattle Met Magazine" Children who love the outdoors will appreciate this new book, which introduces our region's flora and fauna with simple, easy-to-follow text and meticulous line drawings." "Portland Oregonian" This book is a great complement to adventuring families." "PDX Parent" [This book will] help our kids learn more about our incredible area, while developing their love of learning." "Northwest Healthy Mama" There is so much that my children are going to learn, and I couldn't be more excited. I recommend this nature book for any Pacific Northwest family." "Brought to You By Mom" I love how the book provides different layers to learning, which is part of its broad age appeal. I enjoyed reading it as much as my daughter did." "Special Needs Travel Mom" Not only is there a beautifully illustrated picture guide available for the kids (and me!) but then there is 1+ paragraph about each amazing creature with great details." "Long Wait for Isabella" Delightful | Cohen has given just enough information to intrigue the curious to look more closely, more often at the big wild world around us." "Books 'n' Bytes

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I've been excitedly waiting for the release of this book for a few months. It's without a doubt the best book for kids about PNW flora and fauna that I've found. What is in it is beautiful and well explained. That said, I was disappointed to find that it's missing black bears, cougars, bobcats, coyotes, rabbits, grey squirrels, hawks (but there are 3 species of owl)- all of which live in our neighborhood just 40 mins from Seattle. I was hoping they would be included so that my kids could learn about them too. Maybe the next book? ;)

My daughter loves this book. When we are at the lake she is constantly grabbing to book for reference and to spot the different animals we encounter. I would highly recommend it for nature

loving children.

I got this guide as a gift for my 6 year old daughter before our camping trip in the Cascade mountains. She loved it! She immediately was looking through and reading the names of all the animals listed in the guide. Throughout the trip I had to keep telling her to turn off the flashlight reading the book and get to sleep. Strongly recommend this book.

This book is a gem! Buy it!

This is a wonderful book for anyone interested in exploring the outdoors! After reading about banana slugs, I want to go find one. Fiona makes exploring the outdoors fun and easy

Nicely written and beautifully illustrated.

Many of these kids "nature guides" can be hit or miss. This one is a major hit, with lots to love for various ages. It groups animals by habitat, so if you are going for a hike in the Cascades, you can flip open and read about animals in the forest. If you are going to explore the tidal pools in Discovery Park in Seattle, WA, you can read the section on the beach and easily identify the barnacles, anemones, star fish, etc. And of course, the birds that fly overhead. In each section, you start with a brief illustrated guide. The images are drawings, accurate but also attractive, in full color, and each has the name of the animal along with it. It would have been nice to also have the scientific name here, but this works well for a young reader who wants to read through it themselves. After the introduction of images, there is really meaty text full of explanations about the animal, how it will appear in nature, and even how you should interact with it. Everything from how to remove banana slug goo (rub it, don't use water) to which sand dollars are good to collect (the bleached ones, not the green ones with spikes), the book goes from education to how to go out into the field. My 6 year old is a pretty advanced reader, and she had no issues with any of the text in the book. She was happily reading all of the sections to herself and learning about the animals of the Pacific Northwest. One other nice thing would have been some maps - we did need to explain that these are things we see when we visit Washington or Oregon, and that we wouldn't see near us necessarily. But it's a nice quality book and a great read - far more informative than other popular kids coffee table books, but still very accessible.

While we don't live in the Pacific Northwest, it's an area that fascinates me and is definitely on our family bucket list as places to visit and explore, as we love nature and hiking. As I understand it, the Pacific Northwest is a hiker's paradise, and this book is a great guide to the flora and fauna that you might find around there. Our kids are 4 & 6, which I thought would be a little young to hold interest in this book, as it has plenty of text, giving meaty explanations to the various creatures, bugs, and plants you may encounter. However, to my surprise, they were very much engrossed in it, with the interesting explanations that were both highly informative, but also included the occasional "yuck factor" or humor to draw their attention. It covers four habitats, Forest, Beach, Freshwater, and Backyards and Urban parks, and on the first pages of each chapter shows illustrations of each of the creatures inside (weighted toward animals, birds, and insects--with lesser focus on plant life). Following are descriptions of varying lengths, some with a single paragraph, others with several. I would rate the book high on interest level, information, layout, writing, and illustrations. It's a nicely bound book that will be a great guide to enrich your exploring, for a visit, or to dream about one if you can't make it yet.

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