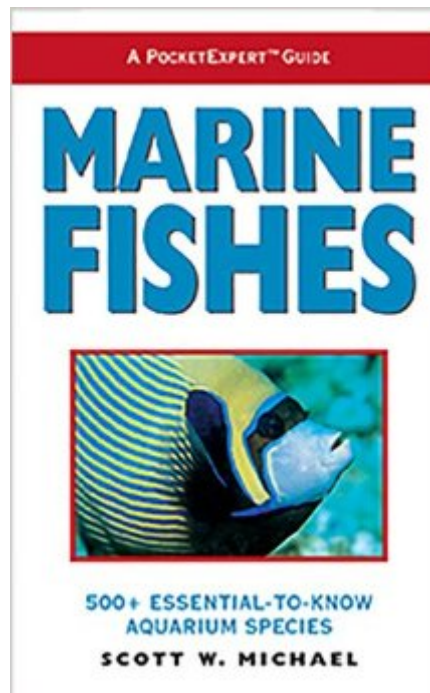


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# A PocketExpert Guide To Marine Fishes: 500+ Essential-To-Know Aquarium Species



## Synopsis

Like a field guide to marine aquarium fishes, this first PocketExpert™ Guide offers a quick but authoritative reference for identifying, buying, and keeping more than 500 popular saltwater species. Designed by a team of marine enthusiasts and aquarium professionals, this information-packed handbook covers all of the fishes most often seen by hobbyists. "One species per page" listing offers concise, clear advice and data on: scientific and common names, maximum length, range, minimum aquarium size, foods and feeding, aquarium suitability, reef aquarium compatibility, behavior, and captive care advice. Included are all 29 major families and groups of marine aquarium fishes, ranging from angelfishes, butterflyfishes, and cardinalfishes to surgeonfishes, triggerfishes, and wrasses.

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Interested in setting up a Fish Only Marine aquarium? Concerned about fish that will be compatible with the invertebrates in your Reef aquarium? Want to expand your knowledge beyond the 10 basic marine fish that your local aquarium store has in stock? Then this is a good book to consider.

Loaded with full color pictures (on glossy paper) of marine fish, the book gives a concise summary of hundreds of these salt water inhabitants. The book itself is easier to handle than the smaller dimension Baensch Atlas and the print is larger. And the price is good value for your aquarium dollar. Bring this book with you to the aquarium store, and when you see that incredibly beautiful marine fish that you have never seen before, a quick read in this book will give you some of the

information you will need to make an informed decision as to whether this fish will fare well in your aquarium at home.

I love this book. So far it contained all the fishes that I have seen at my local fish store and the best feature of the book is that it rates each fish from 1 to 5 where 5 indicates that it is an easy fish to keep alive in the aquarium, and 1 means it is hard to keep alive in an aquarium... This is great for me because I don't have the best track record with keep my fish alive and want to only buy fish which are easy to keep. The notes about each fish are really good to. It is like having 20 aquarium guru's giving you their experiences with each fish. Also, if you have a reef setup, it tells you if each fish is reef safe.

The two "500+ Essential-to-Know Aquarium Species Books" are the biggest bang-for-your-buck aquarium stocking and general information books out there. Even though both of the books, Marine Fishes (ISBN: 1890087386 by Scott W. Michael) & Marine Invertebrates (ISBN: 1890087661 by Ronald Shimek) are pocket guides, they offer so much more information than the other books that I have seen. They don't waste space telling you about fish that you will never see in an aquarium and instead give relatively in-depth information on the species that you are likely to encounter. Neither do they present the information in hard-to-decode picture format; they use sentences: A very underused communicated technique in most aquarium handbooks out there. Not only is the selection of species perfect but the provided information on care is perfect as well. The Marine Fishes version provides the following well-presented information on each fish: \* A color picture \* Scientific name (genus & species) \* Common name \* Maximum size \* Minimum suggested aquarium size \* Aquarium suitability index \* Reef aquarium compatibility \* Captive care tips and information Likewise, in an equally well-presented manner, A PocketExpert Guide to Marine Invertebrates: 500+ Essential-to-Know Aquarium Species presents the following information on each specimen discussed: 500+ Marine Invertebrates by Robert Shimek \* A color picture \* Scientific name (genus & species) \* Common name \* Maximum size \* Naturally-occurring range \* Lighting requirements \* Foods & feeding \* Aquarium suitability/Reef aquarium compatibility \* Captive care tips and information Don't take my word for it, just try it with a few species that you already have in your tank or that you are considering buying by using .com's "Search inside the book feature." I recommend you buy these on .com; you get free shipping (with a \$25 order) and don't have to pay sales tax.[...]

As long as you keep in mind that the book is under the PocketExpert Guide series then you will know what you are getting. The book does have over 500 + popular marine species but doesn't give more than very general information about each species. There are also some listings with no other information than its photo, scientific name and its tank suitability rank. In conclusion, it's a good general book but I'll probably look for another fish book.

This is a great book, and I am glad I bought it! It has almost anything an aquarist should know and use in the aquarium habit; it shows lots of fish whom are familiar to the common aquarist. It is a true encyclopedia. It's surely worth the money you will spend. Don't miss it- buy it! This book, more than everything, is very useful. It covers more than 500 species, every species has a picture, and it includes: the aquarium size it should have, the foods it needs, and who are the species it will live with in peace and more.

Yes, my boyfriend and I refer to this book as the bible. Having been in the hobby for about 4 years, we have made mistakes here and there, but we would be in much more trouble without this book. It gives comprehensive information about each fish's temperament, feeding, maintenance, aquarium suitability, and recommended aquarium size. We wouldn't buy a fish without it.

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