

How to Use the EZ-ID Cards

Write your name in permanent waterproof marker in the upper right had corner.

Replace they tangle-inclined **plastic loop** with something less flexible which will keep the pages in order. Round metal rings used in key chains are good.

Use the symbols to decode the descriptions beneath the pictures. The symbol explanation is found on the back, lower, green section of side 8 of the Common Intertidal Invertebrates cards. These show **Substrate and Tidal Height**—guides to where these species are commonly found.

Measure. The “Size’ section on side 8 shows common sizes in centimeters and in which dimensions the animals are to be measured.

At the bottom of side eight is a **ruler**.

The total centimeter length of the ruler is *15 and 1/4 centimeter*.
The total inches length of the ruler *6 and 1/8 inches*

For larger measurements, use **the card itself**.

Its *height*, edge to edge, is *29 and 1/2 centimeters or 11 and 3/4 inches*.
Its *width*, edge to edge, is *18 and 1/4 centimeters or 7 and 1/4 inches*.

Learn the species you are likely see first.

See “EZ-ID: Whidbey’s and Camano’s Most Seen Creatures” on separate page.

Study the EZ-ID cards if you are inspired to know these creatures better.
It takes time and practice. (and hopefully more fun that conjunctions and math!)

Know that not all pictures will show you what the creature you are seeing is.
The photo on the ID are outstanding, but they **don’t show individual variations`** though they describe some.

Use other resources to find your species shown here or to identify other species you find.

The best beginner books are

Harbor, Rick M. Whelks to Whales: Coastal Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest
1999, 2002.

Sept, J. Duane The Beachcomber’s Guide to Seashore Life in the Pacific Northwest.
1999, 2009 (lighter for taking to beach) or
The New Beachcomber’s Guide to the Pacific Northwest
2019 edition (far more species, bigger, heavier)

Observe “Beach Explorer Etiquette” See on bottom of side Eight

Explore and use online resources.

See “Pacific Northwest Marine Habitats & Species” Bibliography for other resources.

