

## Tasmanian Sea Shells Common to other Australian States

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This slim volume of A4 format provides illustrations of 170 gastropod and bivalve shells in full colour. Each species is readily recognisable on plates not cluttered by too many specimens. Facing each plate are distribution maps and names of each species and family dealt with. Some comment on each family adds useful data.

An introduction provides some basic information on the Mollusca. There is also a useful glossary and several helpful references. The title page for the gastropods section has vague outlines of two shells the smaller of which is clearly reversed, presumably accidentally during printing. Some very pleasant views of Tasmanian beaches add further to the excellent photography by Miss Richmond.

The book provides a list of the beaches together with the number of visits made to each and a map reference. The maps which follow show the location of each beach very clearly. Each is numbered for easy reference to the list. A large proportion of the coast has been covered so that the book provides a very good indication of both distribution and frequency of occurrence. There are very few errors of which most are insignificant but there are two in the index. The generic name *Phalium* is spelt incorrectly (p 79) and the "Pot" has disappeared from "Strange's Watering Pot" (p 80).

The book can be recommended to naturalists, schools and any shell lover as a source of accurate identification data.