

This is the first of three volumes dealing with the most abundant group of animals on the sea-bed and sea-shore – free-living marine nematodes. Each volume contains a well-tested simple annotated pictorial key which will enable both the specialist and non-specialist to identify all adequately described genera on a world-wide basis. In addition, all three volumes contain a general introduction to nematode structure, biology, classification, collection, preservation and examination so that each is complete in itself. This volume includes detailed drawings and descriptions of species of the Order Enoplida recorded from the British Isles. Together with the pictorial key, they should enable the non-specialist without prior knowledge to identify a large percentage of the marine enoplids likely to be encountered. The volume is up to date and contains many new and previously unpublished drawings, including some hitherto little known or poorly described species, so that the specialist will also find it of interest. Taken together, these three volumes form the first comprehensive account of the British marine nematode fauna.