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Bird Life of Coasts and Estuaries describes the bird life of the British coastline and adjacent off-shore waters from an ecological point of view, using information from research to show how bird distribution and abundance are related to important environmental variables such as marine currents, weather, coastal landform and the influence of man.

Separate chapters look at the open sea, rocky coasts, estuarine shores and the coastal fringe. Typical birds from each of these habitats are introduced and their foraging and breeding behaviour, distribution and abundance described. In the final chapter, threats to coastal birds, such as habitat destruction and pollution are discussed, together with the positive action that can be taken to safeguard against these problems. The text is illustrated throughout by beautiful and informative illustrations of the birds themselves and the habitats in which they live.

First published in 1992, the book will appeal to the layman who wants to know more about coastal birds, the birder who wants to find out how birds interact with their environment, and all those who are interested in the habitats that make up what is arguably Britain's most important natural asset.

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