

# A Field Guide to Coastal Fishes from Maine to Texas

By Val Kells and Kent Carpenter

## BOOK REVIEW

By: CAM Staff

Fortunately we have a small library of new books that land into our *Coastal Angler Magazine* offices. The vast majority deal with fishing, boating or conservation, while they all have merit, few of them are as significant and news worthy as *A Field Guide to Coastal Fishes*.

Co-authors, Val Kells and Kent Carpenter have synergized to bring us a comprehensive and compact, 448-page guide which includes 1,079 full color illustrations and descriptions of over 1,006 marine and brackish water species.

This is the first field guide of its kind to be entirely illustrated in full color. Illustrations are large, and meticulously researched. Descriptions are concise, accurate and provide information about features, habitat and biology. It is accurate and up-to-date, using the most recently accepted taxonomy and nomenclature.

Scientists, anglers, students, naturalists, divers, and fish enthusiasts alike will find this book essential, informative, and very easy to use.

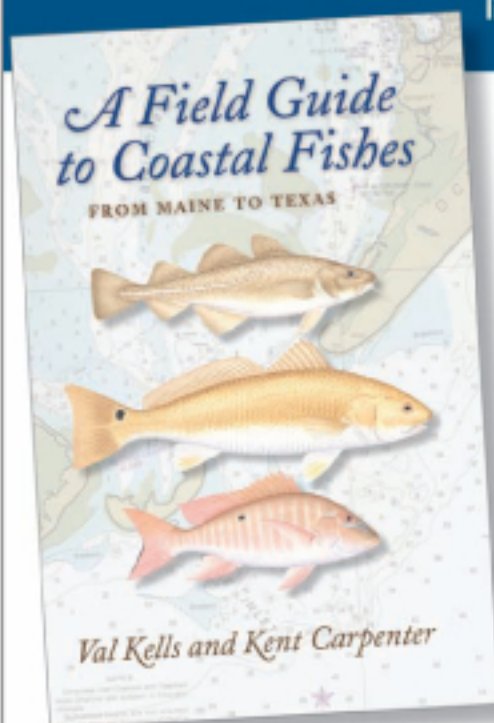
The artist, Val Kells, is a not only a widely recognized freelance marine science illustrator, but also an avid angler and naturalist. She completed her formal training at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Since then, Val has worked with designers, educators, and curators to produce a wide variety of illustrations for educational and interpretive displays in numerous public aquariums, museums and nature centers.

Kent Carpenter is a well known Ichthyologists and Professor in Biological Sciences at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. He completed his graduate studies at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, and studies fishes overseas for over 20 years in the Philippines.

*A Field Guide to Coastal Fishes* is a must have book for any serious angler.

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