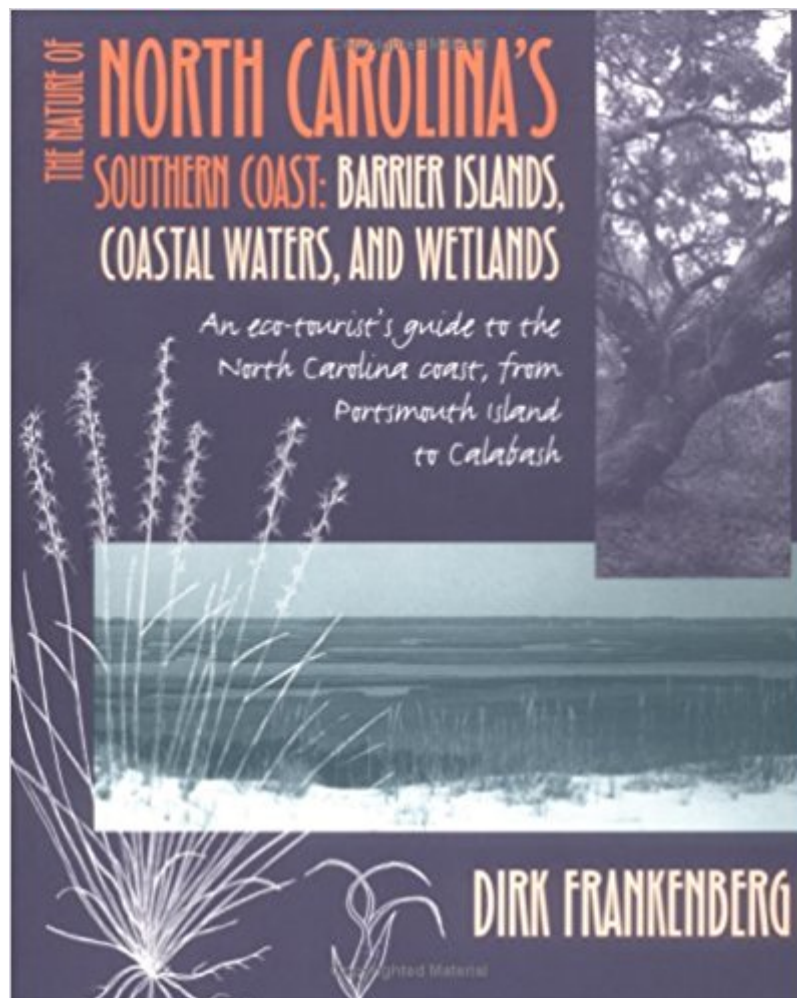




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# The Nature Of North Carolina's Southern Coast: Barrier Islands, Coastal Waters, And Wetlands



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With *The Nature of North Carolina's Southern Coast*, Dirk Frankenberg's effort to provide a comprehensive field guide to the state's dynamic shoreline is complete. Picking up where his 1995 book *The Nature of the Outer Banks* left off, this book covers the coastal region from Ocracoke Inlet to the South Carolina border. Along the way, it provides a close-up look at the area's natural environment, highlighting the processes that have shaped, and continue to shape, North Carolina's southern coast. The book guides the reader to more than fifty different natural areas—including barrier islands, coastal waters, estuaries, wetlands, and forests—that have been preserved along 180 miles of coastline. Drawings, maps, and photographs amplify the text, aid in identifying common plants, and illustrate the local natural communities. In a final section, the author explores the effects of human land use on coastal areas, calling attention to a number of current environmental threats and discussing ways in which these issues might be addressed. Informative and useful, this book will aid and encourage the responsible exploration and enjoyment of North Carolina's coastal environment.

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Dirk Frankenberg has succeeded in writing the best kind of a book. North Carolina Historical Review  
Reading this book is almost as good as being there. Todd Miller, Executive Director, North Carolina Coastal Federation  
Anyone planning to spend some time in this coastal fringe will find this book an invaluable companion. Choice

I read this book before moving to coastal NC this year and refer to it often as I live among 80-foot maritime pines near Bald Head Island. All of it is fascinating, but the figure explaining how the barrier islands form is worth the cost alone. The ibis, once nesting abundantly on Boundary Island, have suddenly and sadly disappeared. I hope a new edition will explain how best to protect what is still here and provide more focus on salt marsh habitat.

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