BEACHCOMBING GUIDE FOR

TILLICUM BEACH

SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST, OREGON







Bull Kelp (seaweeds are washed up from offshore) Sea Palm

Agates (in wave-exposed rock beds)









Moon Jellyfish

(marine animals are stranded)

Red-eye Medusa









Sea Nettle

Vellela

Pyrosome







Purple Dwarf Olive Snail

Pacific Razor Clam (lives in burrows on lower intertidal beach)







Macoma









Pelagic Goose-neck Barnacle (both attached to flotsam) Pacific Goose Barnacle



California Beach Hopper (feeds on beach)



Pacific Mole Crab (borrows and feeds on beach)











Dungeness Crab (pale claw tips)

Red Rock Crab (red shell, black claw tips)







Eccentric Sand Dollar

(both species cast up from sea)

Ochre Sea Star







Brown Pelican (with Sand Lance in mouth)



Surf Scoter (female & colorful male, flocks, divers)



Pelagic Cormorant (snake-like neck, dives for fish)



Common Murre



Western Gull



Plovers and Sandpipers
(Sanderlings foreground, Semipalmated plover inset)









Whimbrel

Great Blue Heron

American Crow









Turkey Vulture

Bald Eagle

Harbor Seal

Coyote

This guide will help you recognize some of the common creatures you may see while beachcombing on Tillicum Beach or nearby beaches.

You can download it free by going to http://www.pamperingcampers.com/tillicum_beach.html

Scientific names:

Bull Kelp (Nereocystis luetkeana) download a seaweed guide at http://www.pamperingcampers.com/files/Cape_Perpetua_TP_Plants.pdf
Sea Palm (Postelsia palmaeformis) a seaweed with holdfasts, stalks and fronds, many animals reside in the holdfasts

Moon Jellyfish (Aurelia labiata) 4-leaf clover pattern in bell

Red-eye Medusa (Polyorchis penicillatus) red eyes at bases of tentacles

Sea Nettle (*Chrysaora fuscescens*) brown coloration

Velella (Vellela vellela) AKA "By-the-wind Sailor". Small free-floating siphonophore related to the Portuguese man o' war.

Pyrosome (Pyrosoma sp.) pelagic, tubular colony of hundreds of tunicate zooids

Purple Dwarf Olive (Olivella biplicata) small snail living in very shallow burrows & trails in wet beach sand, look for little bumps of sand Pacific Razor Clam (Siliqua patula) seafood delicacy highly sought by clammers on lower beach, may squirt water from small hole Mussels (Mytilus spp.) attach to solid objects by thin byssal threads

Macoma (Macoma spp.)

Pelagic Goose-neck Barnacle (Lepas anatifera)

Pacific Goose Barnacle (Pollicipes polymerus)

California Beach Hopper (Megalorchestia columbiana) largest of several species of beach hoppers and sea fleas feeding on the beach Pacific Mole Crab (Emerita analoga) about the size of a pecan nut, burrows and feeds on the beach

Dungeness Crab (Cancer magister) the locally preferred edible crab, often washed ashore and eaten by birds, leaving scattered shell parts

Red Rock Crab (Cancer productus) ditto, but not as good to eat as Dungeness Crab

Eccentric Sand Dollar (Dendraster excentricus)

Ochre Sea Star (Pisaster ochraceus)

Pacific Sand Lance (Ammodytes hexapterus)

Brown Pelican (Pelecanus occidentalis)

Surf Scoter (Melanitta perspicillata)

Pelagic Cormorant (Phalacrocorax pelagicus)

Common Murre (Uria aalge)

Western Gull (Larus occidentalis)

Sanderling (Calidris alba) a type of Sandpiper, they chase the retreating waves

Semipalmated Plover (Charadrius semipalmatus)

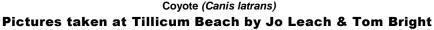
Whimbrel (Numenius phaeopus)

Great Blue Heron (Ardea herodias)

American Crow (Corvus brachyrhynchos)

White-crowned Sparrow (Zonotrichia leucophrys) vociferous songbird, on bushes & structures bordering the upper beach

Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura) Bald Eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) Harbor Seal (Phoca vitulina)



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