

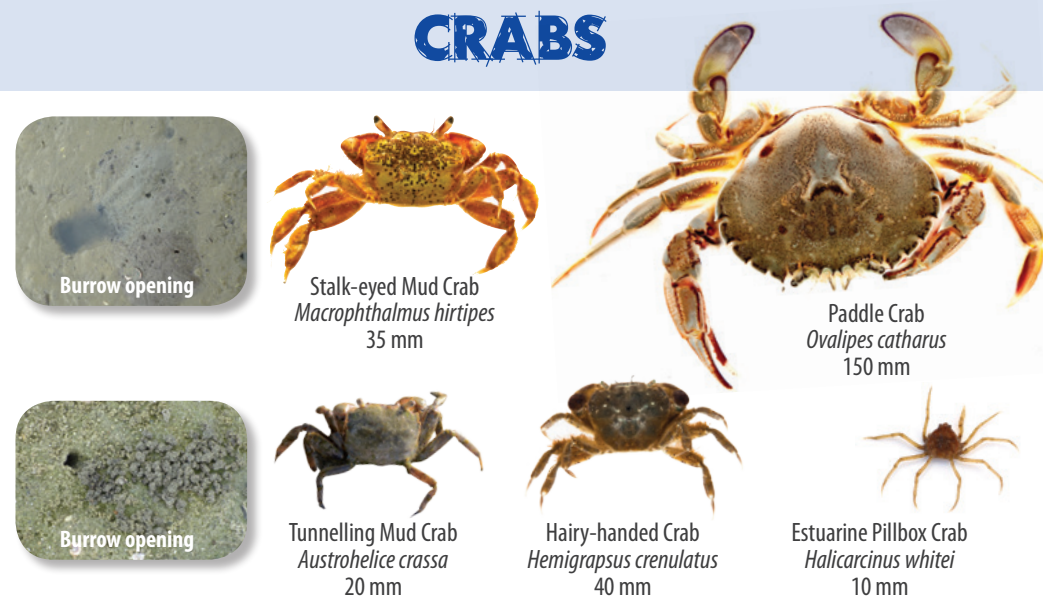
ANEMONES SEA CUCUMBER



FISH



CRABS



SHRIMPS & HOPPERS



SNAILS & LIMPETS



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Southern NZ

SANDY & MUDDY SHORE GUIDE

A handy guide to the common animals and plants living on the sandy and muddy seashores of southern New Zealand.

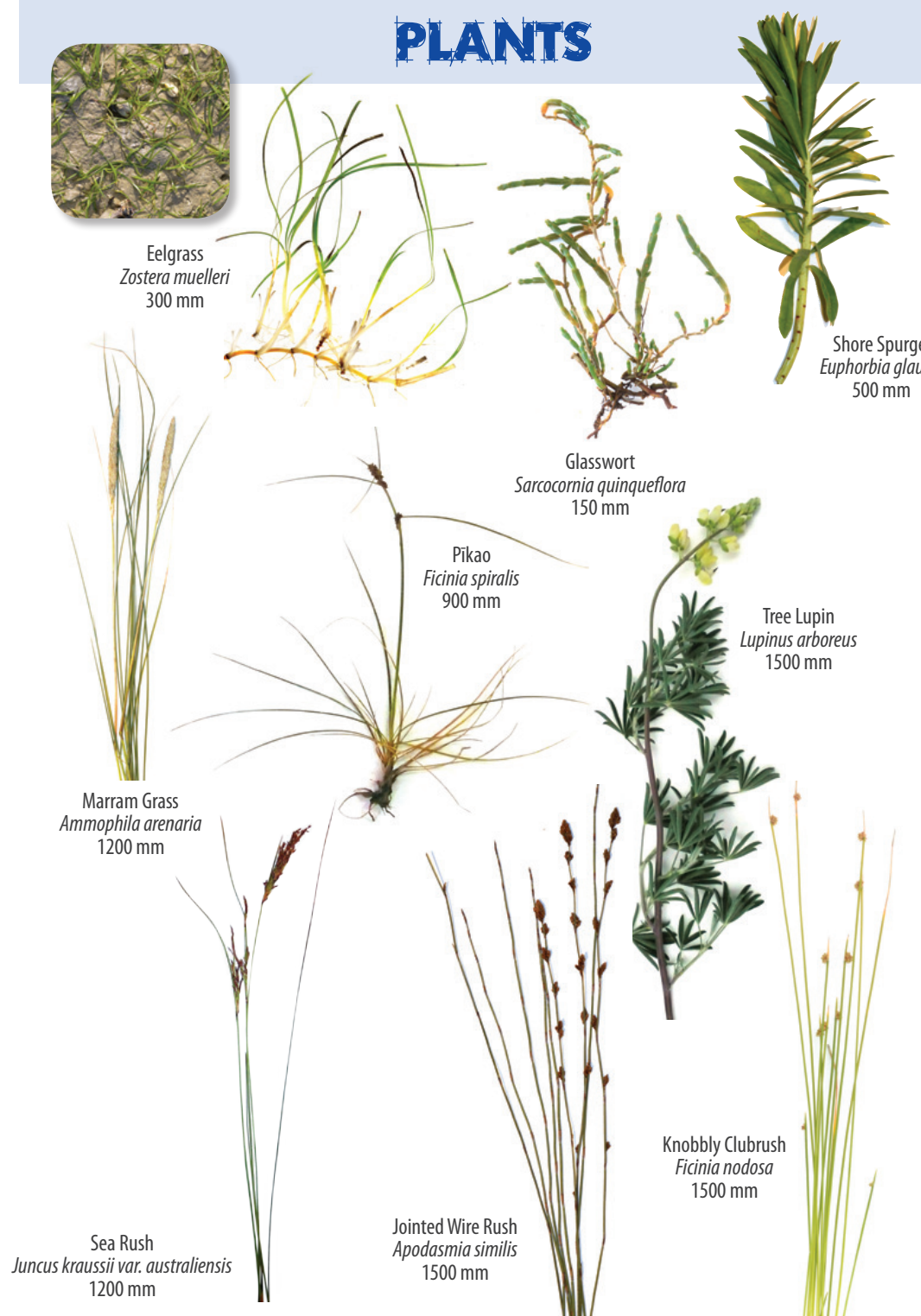
SEAWEED & DIATOMS



DRIFT



PLANTS



SHOW RESPECT FOR SEASHORE CREATURES



- ✧ Tread carefully.
- ✧ Leave creatures where you found them.
- ✧ Leave attached seaweed in place.
- ✧ Handle creatures with care - close to the ground with wet hands.
- ✧ Carefully put sediment and rocks back to the same location you found them.
- ✧ Limit your collection of empty shells as other creatures may use them as homes.

AVOID DISTURBING WILDLIFE



- ✧ Keep your distance from seabirds including penguins.
- ✧ Keep your distance from seals and sea lions.
- ✧ Use the zoom on your camera or binoculars for close viewing.
- ✧ If sea lions approach you - back away slowly.
- ✧ Keep dogs under control.
- ✧ Pick up any rubbish found.

BE CAREFUL AND KEEP SAFE



- ✧ Check tide times to avoid being cut off by rising tide.
- ✧ Do not explore the seashore alone.
- ✧ Watch for changing weather.
- ✧ Look out for waves - never turn your back to the ocean.
- ✧ Soft mud can be dangerous. If you start to sink turn back.
- ✧ Check signs for any local hazards.

This guide illustrates only some of the more common seashore animals and plants. Visit our website for a comprehensive list, Māori names and information about their ecology.