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FLORIDA BEACHES SHELL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

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- Lovers Key State Park, FL
- Sanibel, FL
- Shell Island, FL
- Shell Key Preserve, FL
- South Hutchinson Island, FL

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COMMON SHELLS FOUND ON CAPTIVA ISLAND

- FLORIDA FIGHTING CONCHES:** Large, flared shells with a pink lip. Highly recognizable Florida treasure.
- LIGHTHOUSE WHELLS:** Heavy ridged shells with a call sign. Often found where waves are strong.
- APPLE MUREXES:** Orange shells with long spines and a beautiful pink interior. Colorful beauties.
- KITTEN PARS:** Thin ridged shells. Inexpensive and fun. One found is worth many.
- LETTERED OLIVES & FRENCH CONES:** Often found in the palm and beachside areas with other beach treasures.
- CALICO SCALLOPS:** Beautifully patterned scallop shells.

BEST TIMES TO SEARCH

Low tide is best!
1-3 hours after low tide is ideal for finding shells on the wet sandbars and in shallow water.

TIPS FOR BEACHCOMBERS

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COMMON SHELLS FOUND ON LOVERS KEY STATE PARK

- White Sand Dollars:** Flat, round shells with a star-shaped pattern. Purple and beautiful.
- Painted Egg Conchs:** Beautifully patterned shells with colorful patterns of pink, orange, purple, and tan.
- Turkey Shells & Nouragues:** Beautiful, low ridged shells with colorful patterns.
- Kitten Pars:** Thin ridged shells with a call sign. Often found in sand areas.

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COMMON SHELLS FOUND ON SANIBEL BEACHES

- LIGHTHOUSE WHELLS:** Heavy, flat shells with a call sign and with varying often found where waves are strong.
- PEARL WHELLS:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- BANDY TAILS:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- FLORIDA FIGHTING CONCHES:** Large, flared shells with a pink lip. Highly recognizable Florida treasure.
- CALICO SCALLOPS:** Beautifully patterned scallop shells.

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MICRO-LOCATIONS & WHAT SHELLS TO FIND EACH

- THE ONLY DUNED BIRD BEACHES:** Florida Fighting Conchs & Apple Murexes.
- LIGHTHOUSE WHELLS:** They only beach up on the Shell Island side of the beach.
- SCOTCH BONNETS & BROWNEDONES:** Shells you cannot find elsewhere.
- SAND DOLLARS:** The most common shell on Shell Island.
- ALPHABET CONES:** White ridged shells with a call sign.

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COMMON SHELLS FOUND AT SHELL KEY PRESERVE

- Magpie Shell Ties & Mussel Shells:** Large, flat shells with a call sign.
- Crowned Whelms:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- Turkey Shells:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- Eagle Murex Egg Conchs:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- Delicate Shell Shells & Caribbean Turbans:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- Lettered Olives & Fighting Conchs:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.

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EXACT SPOTS TO FIND SHELLS ON SOUTH HUTCHINSON ISLAND

- THE GREAT BIRCHWOODS:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- THE WHITE SANDS BEACHES:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- THE TURTLE BEACHES:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.
- THE SAND DOLLAR BEACHES:** Beautifully patterned shells with a beautiful pattern.

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