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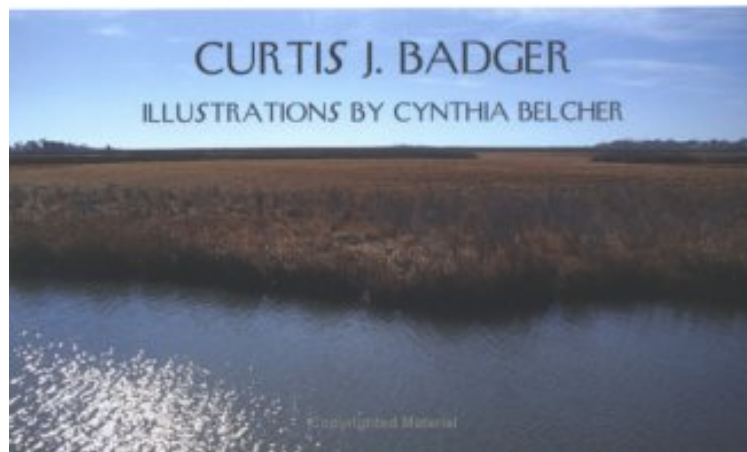
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As Curtis Badger will tell you, "Being a good naturalist has more to do with being an enthusiastic observer than traveling to distant places. It is more a matter of curiosity than of a need for adventure, a frame of mind rather than peculiarity of place." A Naturalists Guide to the Virginia Coast will indeed incite an enthusiastic interest in that special place where the land meets the sea. Among Badgers goals is to draw the observer beyond the armchair and reading lamp, the museum and classroom, and outdoors onto the beaches and tidal flats of the Virginia coast to experience its rich natural diversity firsthand. And foot-first: Feel the mud between your toes on the tidal flats at Chincoteague; walk the sandy beach at Back Bay; pedal a bike along the Cape Henry Trail at First Landing State Park. Informative as a guidebook complete with sections on Virginias primary coastal wilderness areas and appendices listing where to go and what to look for A Naturalists Guide also serves as a natural history primer, offering clear and concise chapters on the ecological, historical, and botanical background of the region Badger explores. For the parent adventuring with a curious child or the experienced birder in new territory, the weekend wanderer or the seasoned naturalist, Curtis Badgers user-friendly guide provides an engaging discussion about just the sorts of wondrous things the interested observer will encounter on a visit to Virginias coastline. tag: A handy family guide to Virginia's diverse coastline from the Eastern Shore's favorite naturalist

Badger is one of the top nature/outdoor writers in Virginia. (Bill Cochran Roanoke Times) A rare and glorious literary combination of natural history and memorable writing. (Garvey Winegar Richmond Times-Dispatch) A consummately engaging naturalist. (Bill Ruehlmann Norfolk Virginian-Pilot). From the Back Cover The Virginia coast offers something for all--education programs at museums, easy wildlife watching at numerous refuges, and a wilderness experience on Virginia's Eastern Shore. From classrooms to tidal flats, opportunities to learn about nature abound. About the Author Curtis J. Badger, a freelance writer and photographer in Onancock, Virginia, is the award-winning author of more than thirty books, including Salt Tide: Cycles and Currents of Life along the Coast and Virginias Wild Side: Fifty Outdoor Adventures from the Mountains to the Ocean (Virginia).