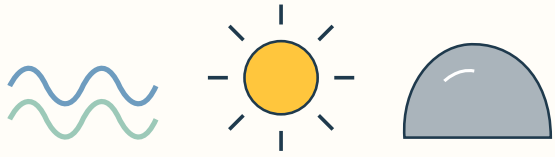
# Real Sandpiper Point: shorebirds and crabs



*Sandpiper Point is made up. The animals and plants on this page are real, and so are the facts. Each one comes from the source named beneath it.*

- Sand crabs feed in the swash zone, where waves break, and filter tiny plankton with feathery antennae.
  *Source: Monterey Bay Aquarium. www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/animals-a-to-z/sand-crab*
- Striped shore crabs live where there are many crevices, and can stay out of the water for up to 70 hours.
  *Source: Animal Diversity Web (University of Michigan). animaldiversity.org/accounts/Pachygrapsus_crassipes*
- The great blue heron hunts by standing still or walking very slowly in shallow water, then striking fast. It is North America's largest heron.
  *Source: Audubon. www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/great-blue-heron*
- Sanderlings dart after waves as they pull back and poke into wet sand for small creatures, on sandy beaches washed by waves.
  *Source: Audubon. www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/sanderling*
- The brown pelican is the only pelican that plunge-dives.
  *Source: National Park Service (Channel Islands). www.nps.gov/chis/learn/nature/brown-pelican.htm*

## Where they live

These are species documented along the California coast in the pages cited. Stilts and Snip are story animals.

## In the stories

Snip Gets Stuck uses a rock crack and a tide that turns.

**Stories: Plan First!, Snip Gets Stuck.**

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