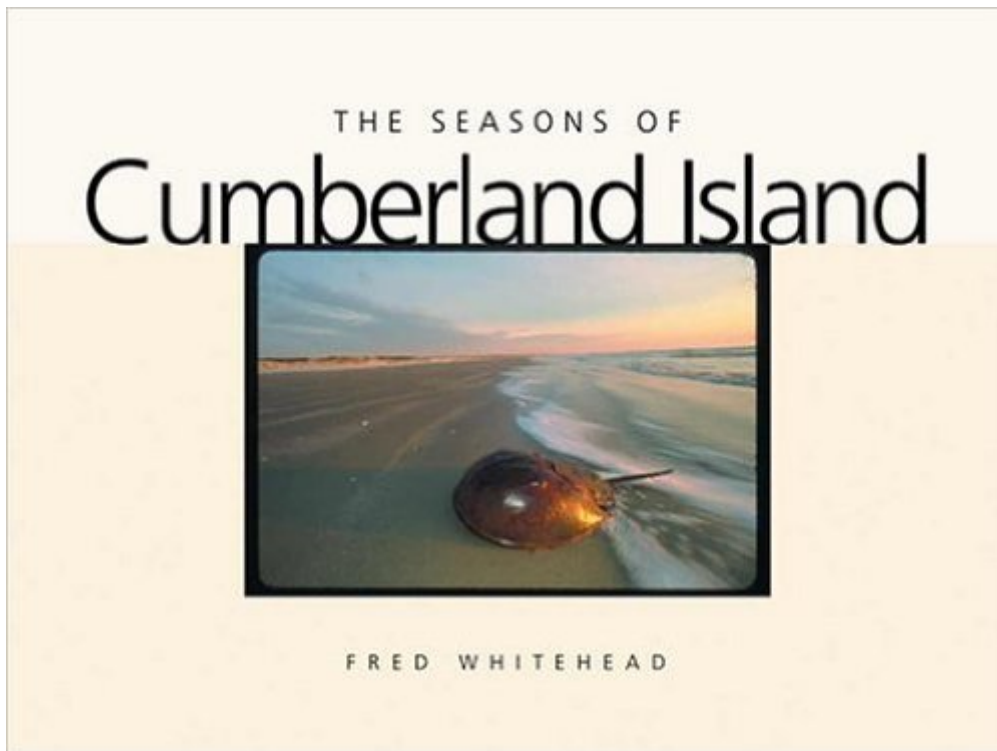


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# The Seasons Of Cumberland Island (Wormsloe Foundation Nature Book Ser.)



## Synopsis

Cumberland Island is the largest and most beloved of the Georgia barrier islands. Although it can be reached only by boat, more than forty thousand people make the trip each year to enjoy the island's natural splendor and solitude. As on most barrier islands, human activity has long been a shaping force on Cumberland. It is among the few islands, however, that we have let return to a relatively natural state. With its expansive oceanfront beaches, dunes, interior maritime forests, freshwater ponds, tidal creeks, and salt marshes, Cumberland is all the more special for its restored natural environment. In *The Seasons of Cumberland Island*, naturalist and photographer Fred Whitehead captures the unique allure of the island's flora and fauna in 118 stunning full-color photographs. Moving through seasons punctuated by the comings and goings of such animals as the migratory birds that rest here in autumn and the loggerhead turtles that nest here in summer, the photographs reveal the subtle but important effect of cyclical change on the island's ecosystem. The lush color images, which are often paired with detailed captions, include spectacular views of muscadine vines and Virginia creeper in autumn, a prowling bobcat in winter, a springtime nest of pileated woodpeckers, and a green tree frog announcing an impending summer rain. Featuring an introduction on the importance of the complex ecosystems of barrier islands like Cumberland, the book informs as it enchants. Here is a stunning tribute to Cumberland's sublime treasures that also serves as a thoughtful reminder to respect and protect the wildness of our barrier islands.

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I recently returned from a visit to Cumberland Island and I had already purchased and admired all of the photos in the book. When I returned from my trip I again looked at the book and it made the island come alive again in my mind. The photographer has captured the entire essence of Cumberland Island and brings it to life. The book gives a preview of all of the things the island has to offer: wildlife of every description and vegetation scenery that takes you back in geologic time before man set foot on the island. The photos in the book show the diverse creatures such as deer (including 2 white ones); alligators, racoons, wild turkeys, bobcats, birds, waterfowl, armadillos, pigs and wildhorses (not native to the island) etc. The diverse vegetation and wildlife is featured by seasons in the book. The photographer is a wildlife expert and also gives tours to the guests of the incredible and comfortable Greyfield Inn. Buy the book and then go see the island!

The photography of this naturalist, Fred Whitehead, capture the four season beauty of Cumberland Island. I met this author, who led a tour of the island one April morning, and actually asked him whether the island had 'seasons.' He humbly answered, 'yes', without mentioning his book, his photography, or his experience. An hour later I found this book in the gift shop of the inn, and my question was answered in detail. Few can experience a long stay on this island, but no nature lover should fail to visit this place and see a nearly undeveloped barrier island larger than Manhattan. This book is a true souvenir of my visit, and the tour led by the author.

A gorgeous reflection of what the island excels in. Mr. Whitehead's photographs beautifully depict the nature of and on the island. When I can't be there, I fantasize through this book.

Item was purchased as a Christmas gift. Beautiful photographs, good price, and enjoyed very much by the friends who spent their honeymoon on Cumberland. A great momento for them.

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