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# nudibranch NEWS



### editorial

This may appear as the "Neville Coleman 1001 Nudibranchs" edition. Jim Anderson kindly provided the book review and Neville sent the errata in time to be published this month. The book has received a far amount of coverage over the preceeding months mainly due to the enthusiasm tyhat was occurring behind the scenes. As editor I am happy to promote any opisthobranch book, author or reseller if they provide the information.

I know how many people subscribe to this newsletter, what intrigues me the number who download it each month from the different sites around the world. From conversations with the various webmasters it seems there are thousands of readers out there. Help!!!! Send me an email at [glaskin@ozemail.com.au](mailto:glaskin@ozemail.com.au) to let me know what you think of this newsletter.

### feedback

Jim Anderson has been busy with his Scottish nudibranch site (<http://www.a4454.freeserve.co.uk/scotnud1.html>) and the new Sulawesi site (<http://www.bunaken.fsnet.co.uk/sulawesi.htm>)

The word on the slug trail is look out for a new book on the nudibranchs of Indonesia. More information when I can source it.

An online underwater photography magazine is now avaiable free at <http://www.uwpmag.co.uk/download.htm> The file is about 3mg.

Dave Behrens' dropped me a note that Constantinos Petrinos' wonderful book *Realm of the Pigmy Seahorse*, is off the press. Here is a web site where you can get information about Con and the book - <http://www.petrinos.gr>.

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“1001 NUDIBRANCHS” - ERRATA

Neville Coleman

First and foremost I would like to thank everybody for their wonderful response to the book. It's been heart warming indeed to open up my e-mail and find so many nice comments.

However, as is part and parcel of any process, especially when putting together such a large production of this kind a few things were missed and/or overlooked and for these I take full responsibility.

With over 50,000 individual bits to the original jigsaw puzzle keeping it all in check with the thousands of updates and changes required during a year of production, and three complete redesigns, sometimes I wondered which planet I was on.

The entire proofing process was checked from low resolution black and white proofs and, as such, it wasn't always possible to judge colour percentages on a few of the pictures. Quite a number of “branches” had a translucent foot, or head, or oral tentacles which did not show up and I misjudged a couple. Because I knew the pictures I could visualise the originals in my head but couldn't always separate colours on the proof as, in black and white, there was no contrast between darker colours.

### **Acknowledgments**

Regardless of specifics I would once again like to thank everybody who contributed to the publication as it all added to the results and expanded the book's horizons.

My expeditions and all the work would be of little consequence without professional taxonomic expertise. Over the years, I have had three main mentors in this area and they deserve full credits in their capacity as experts in their field and/or professional positions as curators in State museums.

Dr Richard Willan, Curator of Molluscs at Northern Territory Museum of Arts and Sciences whose cooperation, interest and professional taxonomic skills help to qualify and identify a great deal of the book's initial species (in exchange for specimens, duplicates and new records for his institution) and in supplying the basic taxonomic structure and many authors and dates I was not able to research myself. Richard's experience in the field is very extensive and his dedication to specifics, legendary.

Mr Bob Burn, Research Associate, Museum Victoria whose knowledge and friendship allowed the first major presentation of Southern Australian opisthobranch fauna to be published. Without Bob's capable participation the book would not have achieved its eventual goal. His experience was essential in the enormous time-consuming procedures of checking species and many original descriptions where original illustrations were not available.

Dr Bill Rudman, Curator of Molluscs at the Australian Museum who provided many of my earlier discoveries with names and by way of his amazing “slug site” was crucial in providing a wonderful way by which species could be checked and information provided. Granting permission for me to illustrate species I was not able to find myself was imperative to the completion of the book, especially in the late stages of production.

Apart from any taxonomic differences of opinion and updates on now easy to see comparisons which will be possible, please take note of the following errata.

## ERRATA

Page 2-	Ono Atsushi = Atsushi Ono	
Page 8-	Sketches 2 & 3	Combined in text as "sand, rubble and seagrass" due to page space restrictions
Page 29	- pic 15	- <i>Berghia</i> should be <i>Baeolidia</i>
Page 33	- pic 7	- (Photo: Wayne Ellis)
Page 38	- Ono Atsushi = Atsushi Ono	
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Page 48	- Pic 2, 3	- 2000 = 6/2000
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Page 68	- pic 7	- <i>buchanani</i> should be <i>buchananae</i>
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Regardless of what one does in the process of advancing knowledge there always seems to be a few people who, for any number of reasons, are not pleased with the achievements of others. In many cases, one only has to look at their own to understand why. Fear of criticism has kept many a true spirit cowering in its cage. For me there was no choice in life, it was do, or die trying...

Discovery only comes about by exploration and in many cases this includes taking risks. Knowledge itself can only be advanced by those who have the courage of their convictions. I believe that the publication of this book will not only advance scientific processes and contribute to the overall knowledge of opisthobranch identification but it will also introduce and encourage a greater understanding and appreciation of these wonderful and amazing creatures that have taken up so much of my life - the nudibranchs. The due process of critical review is small price to pay; after all, nature doesn't care and I gave it my best shot.

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### Two - October

*Chromodoris decora*, The Red Spotted group of eastern Australian Chromodorids - *C. splendida*, *C. hunterae*, *C. fidelis*, *C. tasmaniensis*, *N. haliclona*, *H. bennetti*. Name Changes - Nudibranchs of Australasia. Willan & Coleman, 1984.

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*Chromodoris kuiteri*, *Phyllodesmium colemani*. Name Changes - Nudibranchs and Sea Snails. Helmut DeBilius. Sea Slugs of Western Australia Fred E. Wells & Clayton W. Byrce. Coral Reef Animals of the Indo-Pacific. Gosliner, Behrens and Williams.

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*Hopkinsia* sp. Why Spirals. *marenostrium* website. Book Review - Wild Places of Moreton Bay.

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*Hyselodoris emma*. Okinawa Slug Site. Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society. Operation Wallacea. Underwater Magnifying Glass. Book Review - Pacific Coast Nudibranchs David. W Behrens.

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*Hyselodoris nigrostrata*. What's in a Name. Blue Australasian *Hyselodoris*. *Doto* sp. Nudibranchs of South Africa- Terence Gosliner.

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On a recent collecting trip with Nreida Wilson we found the following species at Point Cartwright at Low tide;

*Chromodoris splendida*

*Chromodoris decora*

*Hypselodoris obscura*

*Pleurobranchus peronii* (juv)

*Glossodoris* sp.

*Vayssierea* sp

*Rostanga* sp. (teeth are required for this fellow)

*Favourinus* sp

*Gymnodoris* sp. ?!

*Hoplodoris* sp. (could be *Sclerodoris* sp..need to look at radula)

*Cyerce* cf *parvonina*? (Image below)



## 1001 Nudibranchs Neville Coleman 2001

I am not in any sense an expert on nudibranchs; I'm an architect by profession, a diver on weekends, and a nudibranch fan almost by accident. Mind you now I seem to spend most of my diving 'nudi' hunting and photographing, and lately evangelising to my diving friends the beauty of what they are missing if they don't go slowly and scour the sea bed for tiny obscure animals - maybe all this comes with old age and sharks. I have never written a critical review of a publication before but have put down below my thoughts as they occur while I consider Neville's book.

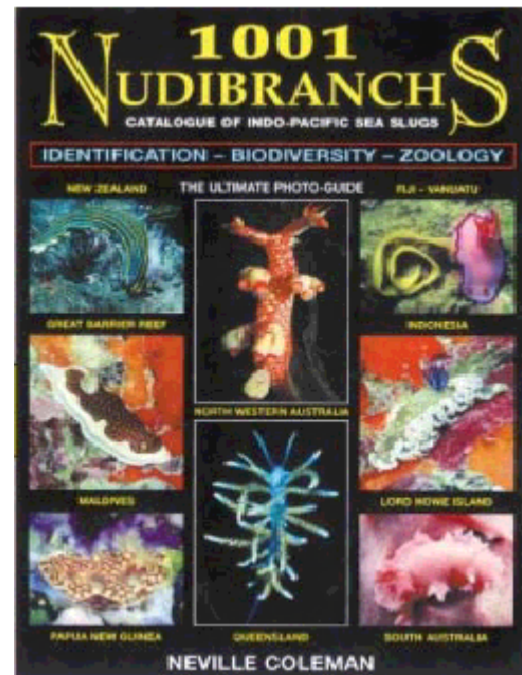
I have been using Neville's new publication extensively to help with the ID's of the animals on my new Sulawesi site, it lies beside me open at the pages showing *Phyllidiella* and *Phyllidiopsis*, pages 92/93, from my attempts last night to 'sort' my images into what species they are as against what they might be. In that respect the book is marvellous with multiple images showing colour variations and habitats and my first reservations with the size of images is now tempered with the ease with which I can scan 'similar' and home in on likely suspects. I would have liked more information on the significant, and subtle, differences between species to help with ID's, particularly when under water. The opening sections of the book I find very interesting, expanding my amateur knowledge significantly and providing lots of help with finding and photographing these animals - I wish I had the book before my recent trip to Sulawesi - and I will carry it with me when I travel to the region.

I really love this little book which must have been an enormous and glorious labour to compile and feel that I am somehow betraying the author's intentions by criticising it in any way - but - I would have preferred a bigger format with larger images and despite my earlier remarks fewer images to the page, better binding and a bit more design to the layout. But hey, I would also have preferred a water proof version with life-size images that I can lay alongside the animals as I dive and record my photo image number against it as I go. It is a singular honour to find my web site listed alongside such luminaries and 'real scientists' as yourself and it gave me a tremendous feeling of achievement quite unrelated to the little effort and academic rigour that has gone into creating this and my new site. Like so many others I have found in the web a means of sharing my enthusiasms and little achievements with others around the planet and of tapping into the profound depth of information that is out there.

I will use this book again and again and enjoy it immensely.



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