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# Ernest Hodgkin's Swanland

## The Estuaries and Coastal Lagoons of South-Western Australia

by Anne Brearley

*Ernest Hodgkin's Swanland* is based on, and inspired by, the life and work of a man intrigued by the natural world. It is a synthesis of the results of many years of research on the estuarine environments from the Murchison to Esperance, Western Australia. Hodgkin's study of the estuaries was firmly grounded in the discipline of science, but he married this with best traditions of the naturalist and the historian.

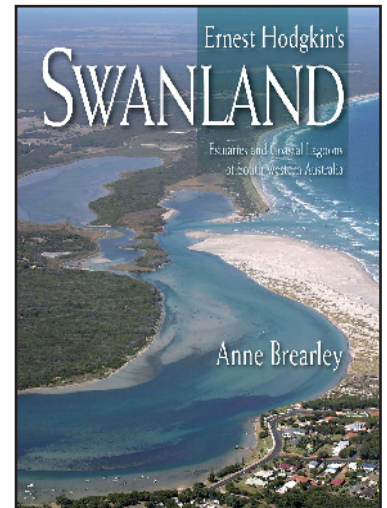
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*Ernest Hodgkin's Swanland* is extensively illustrated with colour maps, figures and photographs, as well as informative tables and graphs, providing an important and comprehensive study of the intricacies of estuaries and the surrounding landscape.

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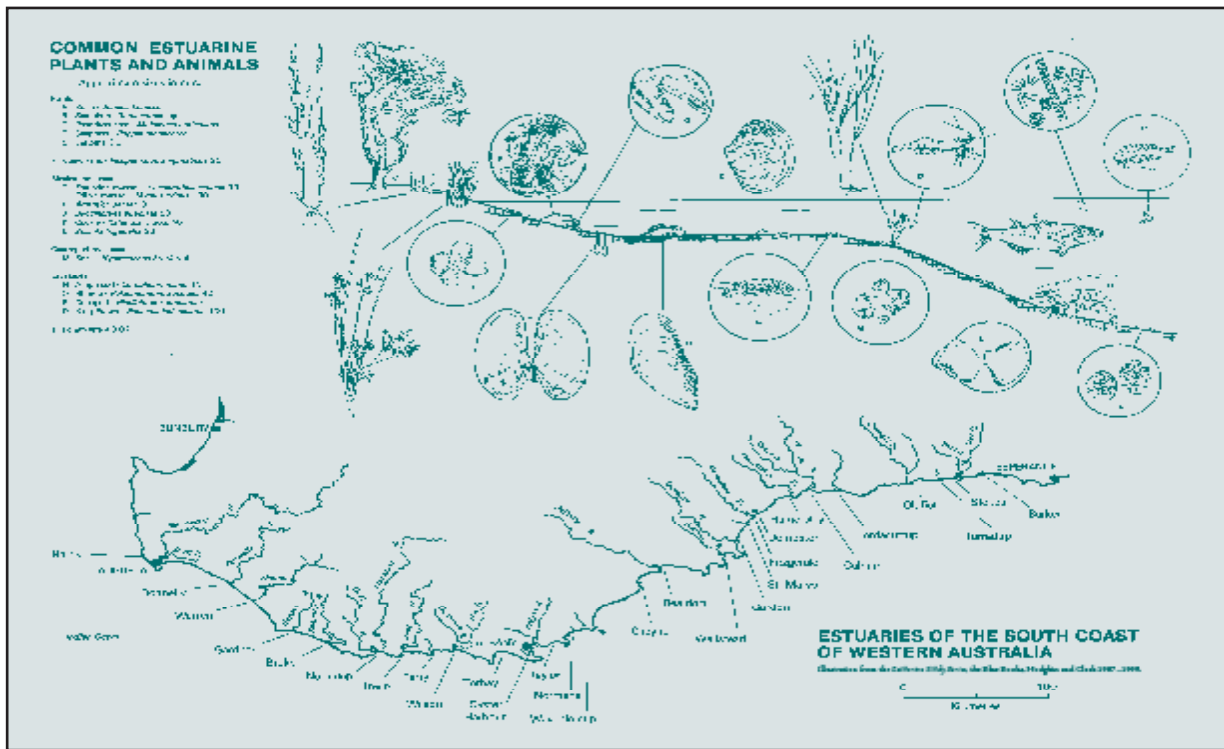
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