

## Sky High ESSEX COAST An Aerial View

Photography by Jason Hawkes

The Essex coastline runs for an astonishing 400 miles along the southern shores of England, said to be the longest of any English county. Riven by tidal inlets and the major estuaries of the Rivers Stour, Blackwater, Crouch, and most significantly the Thames, this coast is of international and national importance for nature conservation, whilst providing a tranquil rural landscape for those seeking quiet recreation.

Contrary to the picture often painted of Essex as industrialised and heavily populated, the Essex coast has many areas as unspoiled and remote as any in Britain. The photography in this book reveals these less trodden paths and the havens for wildlife that abound, particularly in the desolate Essex Marshes. The photographs also show the famous resorts, such as Southend, Clacton and Frinton, that continue to attract holidaymakers in search of traditional pleasures of the seaside as they have done for well over a century.

The superb aerial photographs in this book provided a fascinating overview of this historic coastline which these days provides the means for thousands to enjoy leisure pursuits including watersports of all kinds, birdwatching, or simply walking the coastal footpaths. As a memento for visitors to these shores, or as reminder to locals of what is best about their county, this little book will be a real gem.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Jason Hawkes** is one of the country's best-known photographers specialising in aerial photography. From his base near London he travels worldwide to produce images for books, advertising and design. Since 1991 he has provided photographs for major international companies including Nike, HSBC, Ford, Rolex, Toyota and BP. The images in this book and the sister publications in the series were specially commissioned by Halsgrove.

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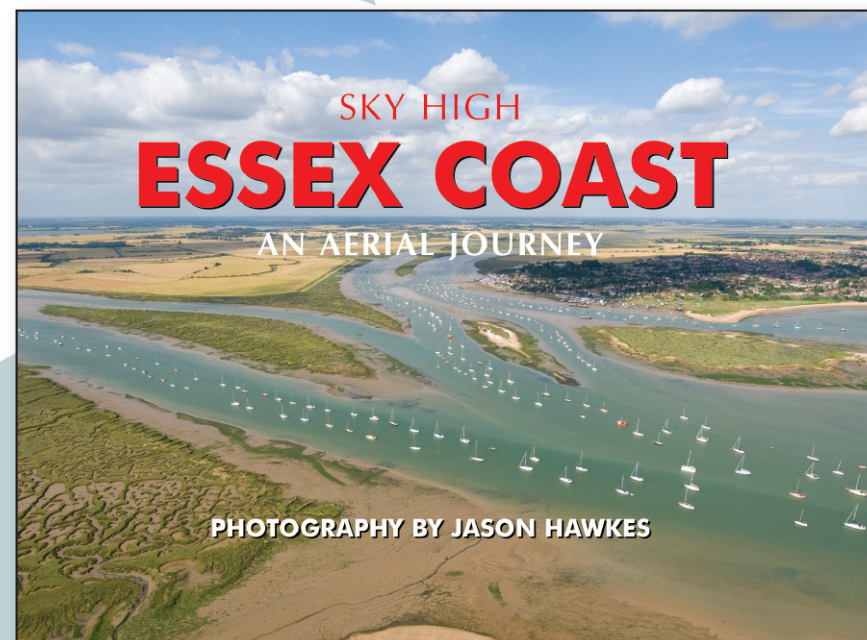
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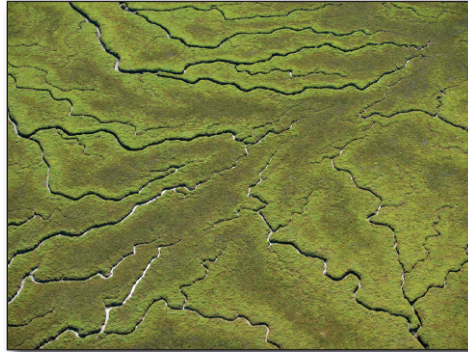


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