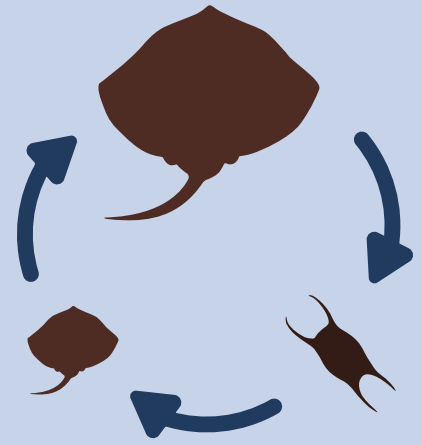




# Great Eggcase Hunt

## Join the GREAT EGGCASE HUNT and help us search for shark and skate eggcases!

Some species of shark reproduce by laying tough leathery eggcases - or mermaid's purses. The capsule protects the embryo as it develops and once hatched the empty eggcases often wash ashore where you can find them on the beach.

The Shark Trust's Great Eggcase Hunt has been running since 2003 and although launched in the UK, accepts records from anywhere in the world...now we want to see what species we've got along the Eastern Seaboard.

Species you might find along the **North Carolina** coast include the **Clearnose Skate**, **Little Skate**, **Winter Skate** and **Chain Catshark** - however some of these are more commonly found than others! You may encounter other species too, so let us know if you find anything that looks different to these eggcases.

Record details of your finds (with photos including scale!) at [www.sharktrust.org/recordyoureggcase](http://www.sharktrust.org/recordyoureggcase)



Clearnose Skate  
*Raja eglanteria*

Little Skate  
*Leucoraja erinacea*

Winter Skate  
*Leucoraja ocellata*

Chain Catshark  
*Scyliorhinus rotifer*