Journal Finder

*Journal Finder* is a collection of all library journals. Most of Kimbel Library’s online journals are indexed in databases, but it can sometimes be difficult to locate a specific journal if you don’t know which one it’s in. Searching Discover and Google Scholar can be useful if you’re looking for a specific article but they don’t list all of Kimbel Library’s holdings, and it’s difficult to browse through multiple issues in those platforms, so searching in *Journal Finder* can therefore make your search faster and more efficient.

The *Journal Finder* link is located beneath the Discover search box on the library's homepage.

Clicking that link will open a new tab that allows you to search for any journal by title, subject or ISSN.
Let's say you're looking for the *Journal of Oceanography*. You can search by the full title, or by *oceanography* as a keyword. Beneath each journal title is a link for *Full Text Access*. Once you locate the appropriate journal, click this link to display the different library databases the journal is available in, and what dates we have access to in each database.

Kimbel Library has full text access to the *Journal of Oceanography* in three Kimbel Library databases. Different databases have access for different years, so the publication date of your needed article will determine what database you choose.

In this case, *Environment Complete* has journal issues from 2008-present (there's a one year delay), which means that additional issues will continuously be made available to us up until one year ago, so we don’t have the most recent year. *Natural Science Collection* goes back further, from 1997, but this database also has a one-year delay. Fortunately, *SpringerLINK Journals* has articles up to the most recently published issue, with no full text delay. We’ll click the *SpringerLINK Journals* link, since that database has the most recent issues of the *Journal of Oceanography*. 
Searching in Kimbel Library’s databases will vary depending on which one you’re in, but there is usually both a search box for title, keyword and author searching, as well as an option to browse by volume and issue.

If you click the All Volumes & Issues link, you’ll see the option to choose volumes dating back to 1970. However, as noted in Journal Finder, this database only provides full text access to the Journal of Oceanography beginning in 1997, so the full text links will only be available from that year to the present. If you know what volume you need, you can click that link, and then choose the appropriate issue. From there, you’ll be able to scroll through the list of articles published in that journal issue.

If you have additional questions about locating a specific journal article, contact the library at coastal.edu/library/ask.