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The work *Coquina Shells From Home* is a meditation on a unit of place. Coquina shells can be found on many beaches all over the world with many species and regional variations. The photographs in this work feature the species *Donax Gouldii* that can be found everywhere around my home in the South Bay of California. This animal is so abundant there that it becomes embedded in the rock layer in the area. Despite their sheer numbers, each one creates its own unique pattern and personality. Collected by my mother and me, these half-shells represent a direct link to the beach where they were found — their other half still lies in the sand. Along with other fragments, I am interested in how these small elements can reflect upon the place I call home.

33.881667, -118.411667, 2022

Inkjet Print

44" x 31"

33.880968, -118.411313, 2022

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Inkjet Print

44" x 31"

*Field Notebook*, 2022

Hardcover Journal, Inkjet Prints

6" x 8" x 0.75"

Image: *Collection* (detail)