



You should not confuse these native birds with introduced birds like magpies, sparrows and blackbirds. They were brought here by human immigrants and released in their gardens and farms. The immigrant birds found their way here without any human help.

Birds are not the only animal immigrants. Many kinds of insects and spiders have been blown across the Tasman by the westerly gales. We even have one immigrant mammal — the tiny long-tailed bat.

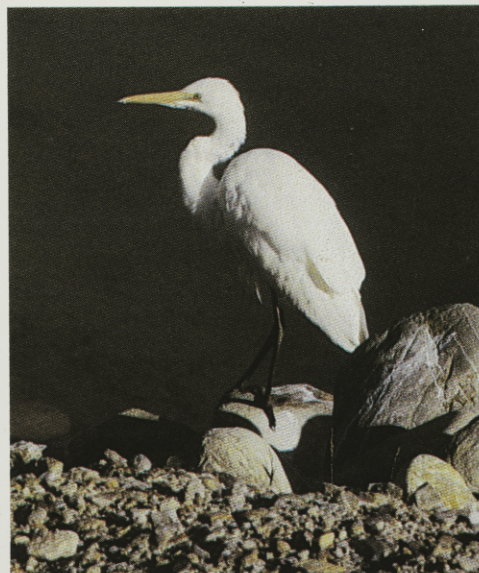
One of our best-known immigrants is the monarch butterfly. It comes from America. Small flocks of them were blown across the Pacific, island by island, year by year, until they reached Australia. Then they were blown here.

Plants and animals that are found nowhere else in the world but New Zealand are called endemic species. Birds and animals that have found their own way here are called NATIVE species and those that are brought here by people are introduced. Migratory birds come here regularly every year and visitors just come occasionally.



**A white-faced heron on its nest in a lawsoniana tree.**  
Photograph B. Harcourt, Wildlife Service.

**A monarch butterfly rests on a dead kauri twig.**  
Photograph David Gregorie.



**A kotuku, or white heron, pauses on a river bed in its search for food.**  
Photograph B. D. Bell, Wildlife Service.

**A morepork looks surprised by the camera as it rests on its day-time perch.**  
Photograph C. R. Veitch, Wildlife Service.