

Conservation Newsletter

This one-page newsletter is already distributed monthly to all Society branch committee members. It is designed to up-date all national conservation issues and indicate actions required from branches and members to further the Society's objects (ie submission deadlines, meetings, information available, etc). It also discusses conservation activities in our 46 branches.

If you are not a branch committee member but want to keep right up to date on the key issues, now is your chance to receive *Conservation News*.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

I want to receive *Conservation News* each month:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

I enclose an annual sub of \$5.00 to cover printing and postage:

Post to: **Conservation News**
P.O. Box 631
Wellington

T Shirts

Ideal for posting overseas

Lower Hutt Branch has T shirts available in the following colours:

Blue, green, yellow, gold, white, and blue.

Prices

6- 8 years	\$5.50
10- 14 years	\$7.50
S (36 in.), M (38 in.), L (40 in.)	\$8.00
XL	\$8.50
XXL	\$8.50

This includes postage.

When ordering, please give a second choice, and make cheques out to Royal Forest and Bird Society.

Orders from: Alison McDermott
294 Dowse Drive
Lower Hutt
Tel: 695-887

Queen Elizabeth II Scholarships

Ten post-graduate students were awarded Queen Elizabeth II Scholarships by the Society in December. The scholarships will be used for research into the preservation and protection of indigenous flora and fauna. The Society funds available for this purpose were swelled this year by a generous donation from a group of members from the Manawatu Branch enabling a greater number of students than usual to receive this assistance.

Jane Margison, who is studying for an M.Sc. degree at Auckland University will research for a thesis on the plant-soil relationships of the NZ Kauri in a small kauri forest at Huapai.

Ruth Bartlett, in preparing her thesis for an M.Sc. will study the regeneration patterns of the Kauri in New Zealand native forest. This study will investigate the micro-climates of two different sized canopy gaps at Trounson Kauri Park in Northland.

Judith Van Gardingen, who is seeking a M.Sc. in Botany at the University of Canterbury, will research the ecology of *Clematis Vitalba*, in the hope of aiding in the development of an effective control programme.

Alison Cree, has chosen a thesis topic studying the endemic frogs of the *Leiopelma* genus. These frogs are of great scientific interest because of certain primitive characteristics which make them virtually unique amongst all frogs.

Gretchen Rasch studying for M.Sc. degree in zoology, will research the ecology of the stitchbird, primarily in the Tirikikawa Valley in the southwestern area of Little Barrier Island, to provide solid ground for the successful management and protection of this rare and unique bird.

Ron Moorhouse, studying at Auckland University, is concerned with how the Kakapo adapt to their new environment on Little Barrier Island. With the only known population of Kakapo in Stewart Island under severe pressure, the understanding of how they adapt to relocation is very important.

Colin Miskelly, researching for an Honours Degree in Zoology at Canterbury University, is going to the Chatham Islands to study the little known Subantarctic Snipe, a vulnerable species now restricted to ten vermin-free islands.

Graham Wragg, studying for a Master of Applied Science at Lincoln College, is researching the *Puffinus puffinus* group of shearwaters, preparing a detailed distribution map, and visiting breeding colonies in Marlborough Sounds and the Kaikouras.

Grant Dumbell, Studying at Auckland University for a Ph.D. in zoology will be researching the ecology of Brown Teal on Great Barrier Island. His objective will be to determine the habitat preferences of Brown teal which will assist future conservation programmes within the Wildlife Service and Ducks Unlimited.

David Coronel, is seeking a Ph.D in Zoology at Massey University. He will also study the Brown Teal, both on Great Barrier Island and at Mount Bruce Native Bird Reserve, being interested in the social behaviour and organisation of the birds, particularly as this influences population parameters.

Hawke's Bay for the Happy Wanderer

175 pages of text and 96 half page colour photos.

The book comprises 75 bush and country walks each with a clear route map and each described from a natural and social history point of view.

Shiela Cunningham's brilliant photos and text capture the very texture of the Hawke's Bay countryside and hinterland.

Available direct from

S. H. Cunningham
P. O. Box 51
Bayview
Hawkes Bay

or through F. & B. Mail Order

Price \$14.95

'This book is recommended to all and it is a "must" if you are going to holiday in the Hawke's Bay region.'

Forest & Bird, November 1983