

## Society's Lodges and Houses

### Bushy Park Lodge

Kai Iwi, 24km north of Wanganui on sealed road.

Historic homestead, fine grounds and view. 89 ha of virgin bush with tracks and trees identified.

Accommodation: for 12 in five bedrooms, single and double beds. Sleeps 18 with mattresses. Bedding, linen and towels supplied. Showers, drying cupboard, kitchen with electric stoves, refrigerator, deep freeze, cutlery and crockery. Bring own rations. Milk may be ordered.

Fees: (House Guests) Members \$14 single, \$18 double. Non-members \$20 single, \$25 double. Children 5-12 \$6. Continental breakfast available \$4. (Day Visitors) All adults \$2, children 5-15 \$1, Family \$3 or \$5. Closed to day visitors but not House Guests Mon. & Tues.

Books and Information Leaflet: Custodian, Bushy Park Lodge, Kai Iwi, RD8 Wanganui. Telephone Kai Iwi 879.

### Okarito Beach NFAC Cottage

Sleeps 4-6 in basic but comfortable facilities, water, wood stove, 2 rooms. Sited in historic township, coastal and bush walks, Okarito lagoon, Westland National Park and glaciers.

\$3 per person per night. Bookings: Kevin Smith, Box 57, Harihari, Ph 33090 Harihari.

### Patoka Lodge, Hawke's Bay

The lodge is situated 48km from Napier on the Puketitiri Road and 8km past Patoka, amid the 14ha William Hartree Memorial Scenic Reserve.

The Lodge accommodates 10 people. Extra mattresses and pillows are available to sleep up to 20. The lodge has a full equipped kitchen, including refrigerator.

Visitors supply their own linen and cutlery. The nearest store is 8km away. No animals are permitted.

For rates sent a stamped addressed envelopes to the Booking Officer, June Northe, 212 Kennedy Road, Napier, Telephone Napier 438-193.

### Ruapehu Lodge, Whakapapa Village, Tongariro National Park

Ruapehu Lodge is now available for MEMBERS ONLY, and all bookings must be made with the Society's head office, P.O. Box 631, Wellington.

Fees: Winter Season (1 June to 31 October and Christmas and Easter holidays \$8.00 per night. Summer Season 1 November to 31 May) Adults \$6.00 per night Children \$3.00 per night

Full payment must be paid four weeks before occupation, (otherwise bookings may be forfeited) after which time there is no refund for cancellation.

No animals or pets are allowed in the lodge or the National Park.

There is no key at the lodge, but one will be posted ten days before occupancy. No member may occupy the lodge without first booking through Head Office, Wellington.

### Tautuku Lodge, Coastal Otago

Situated 72km from Balclutha on State Highway 92, Tautuku Lodge on the Society's 550ha bush-clad Lenz Reserve in coastal south-east Otago.

The lodge is fully equipped and accommodates eight or nine people. Bring with you food supplies, bed linen, blankets, towels, tea-towels etc.

For rates apply to the Booking Officer Miss M. Roy, Papatowai, Waipati, RD, Owaka, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

### Turner Cottage, Stewart Island

Turner Cottage, is on Stewart Island and is a two-roomed dwelling furnished for three people.

For details write, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to: "Turner Cottage", C/o Mrs N. Fife,

P.O. Box 67, Halfmoon Bay, Stewart Island.

### Tai Haruru Lodge, Piha, West Auckland

A seaside home situated in Garden Road, Piha, 38km from central Auckland. Eight minutes' walk from the Piha store, with right-of-way access to the surf beach and close to bush reserves and walking tracks in the Waitakere Ranges.

The lodge is fully equipped and sleeps six to eight persons. It has a large lounge with open fire, dining area, and modern kitchen.

You will need food supplies, bed linen, towels, and tea-towels.

Different rates apply for winter and summer, for rates send a stamped, addressed envelope to the Booking Officer, Mrs B. Marshall, 160 Valley Road, Henderson, Auckland. Telephone 836-5859.

### Waiheke Island Cottage, Onetangi, Waiheke Island

The cottage has comfortable bunk accommodation for eight people and has a stove, refrigerator, and hot water. Adjacent to a 49ha wildlife reserve, belonging to the Society it is in easy walking distance from shops and beach. It is reached by ferry from Auckland City (two or three returns daily) and by bus or taxi from the island ferry wharf. Everything is supplied except linen and food. No animals are permitted.

Different rates apply for winter and summer. For rates sent an addressed envelope to the Booking Officer, Mrs R. Roley, 23 Stoddard Street, Mt Roskill, Auckland. Telephone Auckland 696-769 (evenings).

## Limited Edition Art Prints



# The Black Stilt

by Piers Hayman 1985.

Once widespread in New Zealand, the black stilt is now restricted to a few braided rivers of the South Island, where less than 40 adult birds struggle for survival. This courageous bird is now the world's rarest wader, and possibly the rarest endemic bird on the New Zealand mainland.

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## Book Review

READERS DIGEST COMPLETE BOOK OF NEW ZEALAND published Readers Digest Sydney and Reed Methuen. 320pp. \$45.

The Readers Digest makes lovely books: fine colour, clear prose, high quality paper and binding, and this one is no exception. It is a review of modern knowledge about our birds contributed by more than 80 ornithologists under the consultant editor C. J. R. Robertson. The book also acknowledges the pioneering work of Dr W. R. B. Oliver whose *New Zealand Birds* this book presumes to replace.

It begins with the usual Digest introduction — Understanding Birds — well illustrated with New Zealand examples. The major part of the book, however, is devoted to studies of birds. Generally there is a large page for every bird report from the New Zealand region, each with an essay supplemented by a column on field characteristics, moult, voice and distribution, plus a highlighted paragraph on recognition. There is also a puzzling reference to size: a single measurement but for what? Every bird appears in a colour portrait, looking good, often on the nest, sometimes in Australia.

The scope of the book produces some curious features. A single record of a vagrant bird dating back, perhaps to the nineteenth century, still rates the standard entry. The result is that in looking for a familiar bird one wades past plate after plate of species one will never see. It might have been more helpful to spend the space on pictures of birds which cause confusion to birdwatchers, showing the differences between more familiar ones such as the male and female chaffinch, young and adult black-backed gull, the black and pied phases of the fantail, the pheasant or even the sparrow.

On the credit side there is a lot of material published in popular form for the first time. This is particularly so for several rare and endangered species.

If this criticism sounds testy it is because of the book's implied claim to be a complete and worthy replacement for Oliver. Viewed instead on its own merits this is a very nice, and interesting work about New Zealand's birds, at a very fair price.

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