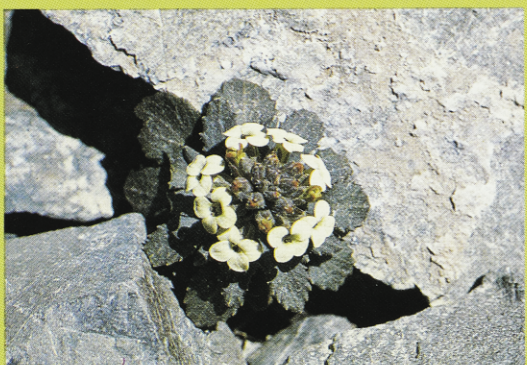


**M**t Alarm (9440 ft), along with Mt Tapuaenuku, dominates the stark inland Marlborough landscape. Despite the barren appearance of this countryside, however, it supports a number of fascinating plants and animals, such as the penwiper plant and *Epilobium forbesi* (inset top and inset bottom). An article on these and others is found on page 22.

Photos: Peter Williams,  
J H Harding (Penwiper plant)



Cover caption: Hoiho, the world's rarest penguin. This photograph of a yellow-eyed penguin and chicks is available as a high quality poster from the Society for \$4.00. Funds from the sale of the poster will go to our protection programme (see pg 16-17).  
Photo: Dean Schneider