

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 15 in six bedrooms, single and double beds, electric blankets, heater and vanity units. Sleeps 24 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.

Bookings 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: Bill Minehan, Private Bag, Hokitika, Ph 734 Whataroa.

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 send a stamped addressed envelope to the Booking Officer, June Norther, 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 \$10.00 per night. Summer Season 1 November to 31 May) Adults \$7.00 per night Children \$4.00 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, Wai-pati, 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 surfbeach 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 send an addressed envelope to the Booking Officer, Mrs R. Roley, 23 Stoddard Street, Mr Roskill, Auckland. Telephone Auckland 696-769 (evenings).

Books Received

Concise Encyclopaedia of Natural History, By Harriet Fleet (Heinemann, \$27.95).

A small format book crammed with information, outlining a full range of NZ's flora and fauna in relation to their physical environments. Birds, trees, insects, coastal life, wetlands, tussocklands and alpine world are all covered. Less well illustrated than is fashionable in natural history books, but clearly written in a straightforward style. A good value, handy reference for the general reader market it is aimed at.

A Field Guide to the Lizards of NZ, by D.R. Towns (Wildlife Service, \$4.95, available through the Information Section, Wildlife Service).

This 28-page booklet by NZ's leading lizard expert provides a clear key illustrated with line drawings to the 37 species of geckos and skinks in New Zealand. Valuable for the keen naturalist.

The New Zealand Whale and Dolphin Digest, by Stephen Dawson (Brick Row, \$19.95).

A complete guide to the cetaceans of our seas, providing a wealth of information to the casual observer and ardent whale watcher alike. Three main sections, the first on natural history, the second on the stranding phenomenon and advice on what to do in such events, the remainder and bulk of the book an identification outline of species found in NZ waters. Liberally illustrated in colour and black and white, this Project Jonah guidebook is excellent value for money.

Kokako, by Rod Hay, Hugh Best and Ralph Powlesland (McIndoes, \$4.95).

The latest in a series of monographs on rare NZ birds, this will be of special interest to Forest and Bird members as it reports results obtained during studies which the Society funded from 1978-81. An outline of the history of the kokako and its relatives is complemented by a detailed account of its biology and the factors affecting its survival. An important section shows which measures are needed and which are being taken to protect

the bird. 24 colour pics help to make this an attractive, up-to-the-minute account of one of our most zealously guarded birds.

Moa, the story of a fabulous bird, by Philip Temple and Chris Gaskin (Collins, \$14.95).

Imaginatively written and illustrated, this book is aimed at two categories of younger readers: there are two texts, one the tale of Pouakai the moa, the other filled with facts on moa life.

Remote the Land's Heart, by Chris Gaskin (McIndoes, \$34.95).

Dunedin artist Gaskin takes the reader and viewer through the South Island on a personal voyage of discovery. Sixteen colour illustrations, 100 black and white.

Field Guide to New Zealand Geology, by Jocelyn Thornton (Reed Methuen, \$27.95).

Lands in Collision, by Graeme Stevens (Science Information Publishing Centre, \$18.95).

Two books for the non-specialist interested in NZ's changing landscape over the past 600 million years. The former is especially useful for the traveller, containing reference maps of New Zealand. *Land in Collision* depicts NZ's development through geological time clearly and concisely, with dramatic reconstructions of NZ's only dinosaur, hapagornis and various moa.

The Atlas of Bird

Distribution in New Zealand,

by P.C. Bull, P.D. Gaze, and C.J.R. Robertson (Ornithological Society of NZ, \$33.00).

The *Atlas* is the result of 10 years of data collection, jointly undertaken by the Wildlife Service, Ornithological Society and DSIR Ecology Division. More than 800 field observers were involved, covering 3675 (10,000 yard) mapping squares in what was a mammoth statistical task. The 296-page *Atlas* will be useful to the amateur bird watcher, professional ornithologists, wildlife managers and land use planners. A huge amount of additional information has been stored on just 16 microfiches at the back — equal to 4000 printed pages.

The *Atlas* of Bird Distribution in New Zealand — a selected page.

