

# Branching out in WAITAKI

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**Top:** The yellow-eyed penguin — hoiho — is not only running out of room to live, but also food. However the fledgling Waitaki branch has adopted a practical approach to the problem. Using \$300 from our penguin fund, the branch has brought a Para swimming pool where the starved birds are nursed back to health. This yellow-eyed was photographed on Bushey Beach. *Photo: Earle Norris*

**Bottom:** The large Otago skink is currently found only from Middlemarch to the Lindis Pass, and much work is being done by Wildlife Service on its habitat requirements. *Photo: Graeme Loh*

**Top:** Waitaki branch members tramping up Upper Canyon Creek, investigating some of the retired land from the Canyon Creek gorge.

*Photo: Earle Norris*

**Bottom:** A short tussock grassland area in the Upper Waitaki, near Otematata — the sort of area that is being considered for reservation.

*Photo: Gerry McSweeney*