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NZ Nature Heritage Calendar
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Books Received

Beyond the Roaring Forties, by Canon Fraser (\$59.95 Government Printer)

This is the most comprehensive book yet on New Zealand's subantarctic islands. The emphasis of this attractive volume is on man's impact over the past 200 years. A lucid text, peppered with anecdotes from explorers, scientists and adventurers, keeps the reader's interest throughout.

Little Barrier Island, by Ronald Cometti (\$33.00, Hodder and Stoughton)

For those who haven't had the privilege of visiting Little Barrier Island, Cometti's detailed paintings and colourful writing transposes the reader to this special wildlife sanctuary. The text is full of information on the island, and offers a different perspective from that of the non-artist. Just one example — while patiently painting Cometti records breeding brown teal, a sighting missed by other wildlife observers who have traditionally headed for the ridges looking for cats, petrels or now kakapo. The author draws attention to the possible problems caused by continued farming on the island (for the ranger's food supply) and calls for its cessation.

Which Pakeha Ate the Last Moa?, by Rhys Richards (\$12.00, Paremata Press)

The thesis of this intriguingly titled book is that moa may have still been living as late as the mid 19th century. Entertainingly written and well researched, the book's publication reflects an increasing interest in the subject of moa.

Golden Bay Walks, Buller Walks by Derek Shaw (\$9.95 Nikau Press, Box 602, Nelson)

To many keen walkers, Golden Bay is perhaps best known for being between two tracks — the Heaphy Track and the Coastal Track in Abel Tasman National Park. However, as this well produced book shows, there are a great variety of other fascinating places in the region. Similar in format, *Buller Walks* covers 50 walks in the Buller, from Karamea down to Punakaiki. Illus with colour photos and drawings.

Wildflowers of Central Otago, by Peter Johnson (\$33.95, John McIndoe)

An excellent book for all those who delight in wildflowers. This well illustrated guide would be suitable for the much of the eastern South Island and is a must for those exploring Central Otago. Johnson follows the wildflowers through the seasons, grouping them in a way that the lay person and botanist can understand. If only all our botanists could write half as well.

The New Zealand Protected Natural Areas Programme: A Scientific Focus, edited by G C Kelly and G N Park (\$18.70, DSIR).

Hailed in the early 1980s as the "most important conservation initiative of the 80s", the PNA programme has yet to receive the political, and therefore financial commitment, that it deserves. This report outlines the programme's objectives and summarises the results of four pilot studies carried out. The authors draw a telling contrast between the \$1059 million estimated to be needed for New Zealand's defence in 1986-87 with the \$30 million needed "to budget for defending the New Zealand countryside against real threat."