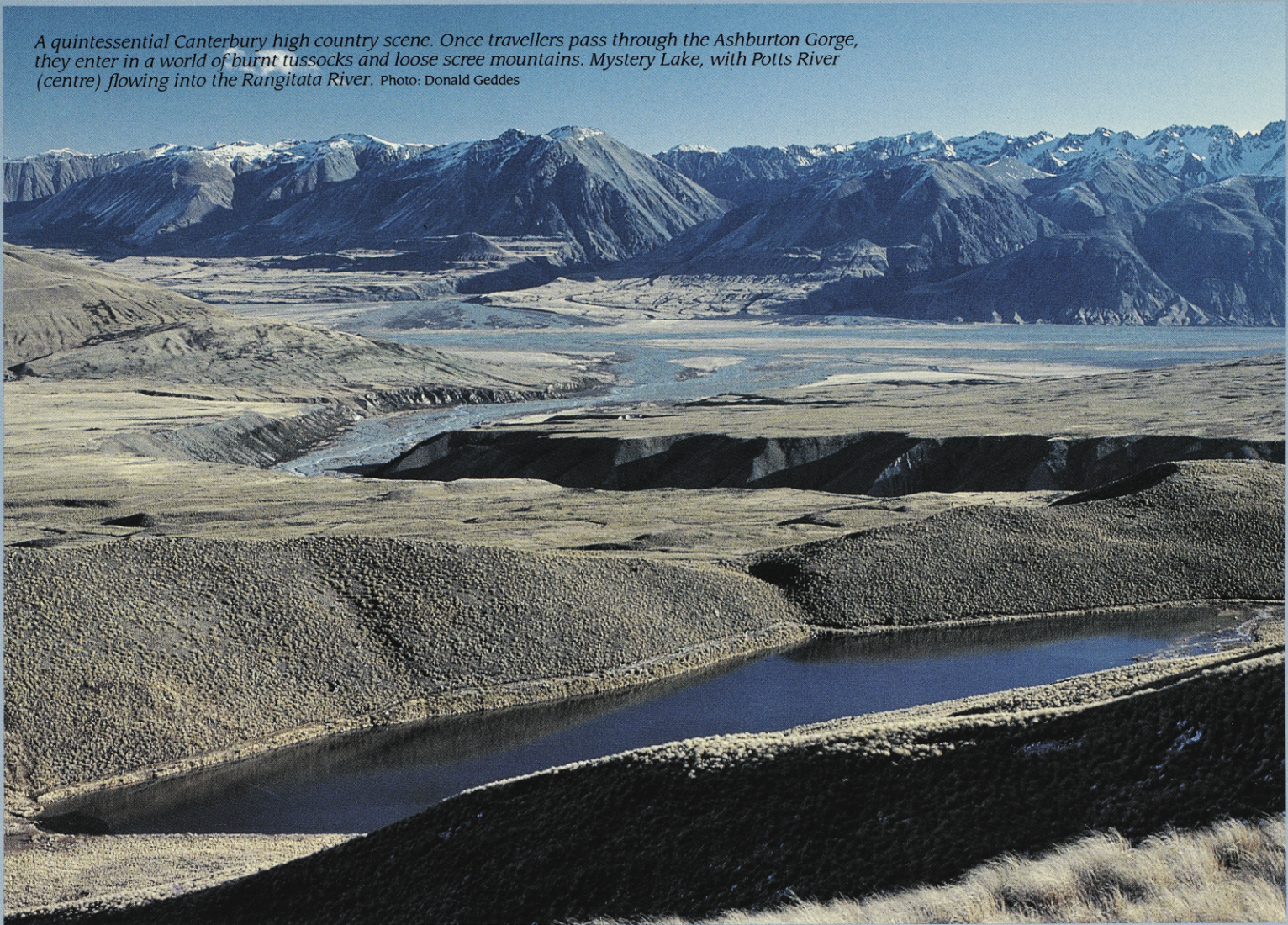


*A quintessential Canterbury high country scene. Once travellers pass through the Ashburton Gorge, they enter in a world of burnt tussocks and loose scree mountains. Mystery Lake, with Potts River (centre) flowing into the Rangitata River. Photo: Donald Geddes*



*A scaup on the nest. These clownish waterfowl are prodigious divers, staying under for half a minute and more in their search for insects and small fish. Photo: Donald Geddes.*

