

WOODCHIPPING - THE FACTS

New Zealand

Forest Cleared: 50 football fields of native beech, kamahi and rata a week, or 1250 hectares a year.

Where: On private land in Nelson, West Coast and Marlborough; Southland, South East Otago.

By Whom: In Nelson and Marlborough, Newmans, 100 percent owners of Nelson Pine Forests Ltd; in Southland Wood Export Tokanui Ltd owned by M. K. Hunt Foundation and C. Itoh Ltd.

Destination: Japan.

Japanese Companies Involved: C. Itoh Ltd and the Marubeni Corporation. Both are among the greatest destroyers of tropical rainforests.

End Use: Paper.

Mill Employment: 100.

Export Value: Year ended December 1988, \$14.8 million.

Effect on Birdlife: 1350 birds killed for every chip shipment.

Birds Most Threatened: Kaka, parakeet, robin, pigeon, rifleman, yellowhead.



The kaka, threatened by large scale forest clearance. Effects of beech management in Rowallan Forest on the parakeet. Hatched areas represent birds seen; plain areas represent birds heard. (From Beech Management - its effects on bird populations, by Eric Spurr).

