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A special thanks to all those members who have helped us reach our target of 60,000 members in 1990. We first aimed for that figure at the beginning of 1989 when membership stood at 50,000 and had reached it by May 1990. Gift memberships are always a significant element in new memberships. Roll on 70,000!

Cover: As its name suggests, the Stephens Island gecko, *Hoplodactylus stephensi* is known only from Stephens Island. In fact, its existence was unknown until about 30 years ago and it still remains poorly understood. It is most abundant in *Muehlenbeckia australis* vineyards and is probably more cryptic and overlooked rather than extremely rare. As in other species of geckos, males have a large swelling at the top of the tail below the vent. This swelling contains the paired hemipenes that are everted during copulation. A pictorial essay about other Stephens Island animals appears on page 31.

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