



## Fleming Conservation Awards

The Society has awarded \$10,000 to applicants for the Fleming Conservation Scholarship.

Formerly the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship, and renamed in honour of Sir Charles Fleming, \$7,000 of the awards were made for research into conservation work relevant to the objects of the Society. A further \$3,000 from the Reader Award was awarded for research into endangered birds.

The following people received awards:

Sean Weaver, to identify alternative means of development for Fiji's forests other than forest clearance and to produce a land classification system. (Canterbury University).

Kerry Sanders, to investigate survival, dispersal and habitat requirements of the kakerori or Rarotongan fly-catcher (Massey).

Yvonne Mariot, to research the vegetation and soils of Wilton's Bush, Wellington (Victoria).

Jenny Grimmett, to investigate disposal of gold mining wastes and other wastes such as sewage (Otago).

Shirley McQueen, to investigate the role of hormones in the foraging of crested penguins (Otago).

Jason Roxburgh, to investigate the spread of the weeds elderberry and Himalaya honeysuckle in forest remnants. (Canterbury).

Alan Cooper, to determine evolutionary relationships of ratite birds, such as the kiwi and extinct moa, using DNA material (Victoria).

Jane Williams, to study the genetics, habitat and behaviour of blue duck in Otago (Otago).

Peter McIntosh, to investigate the habitat use and mortality patterns of brown teal, or pateke, in Northland and the consequences for future management (Auckland).

Hamish Owen, to study possum impacts on mistletoe in South Westland (Canterbury).

Kerri-Anne Edge, to investigate the effects of brown trout on native fish (Otago).

Brent Evans, to investigate native fish distribution in relation to woody debris in streams (Otago).

Michael Scarsbrook, to consider the potential importance of tussock leaves to the stream communities in Central Otago (Otago).

Cathy Shave, to examine predator-prey interactions among koura, trout and eel (Otago).

Philip Lester, to consider the effects of willows on native freshwater invertebrate communities (Otago).

Andrea Bryon, to study the effects of introduced mammals on lowland forest birds and to determine how best to control them (Otago).

Mary Richards, to investigate the genetics of NZ weta (Victoria).

Mike Thorsen, for an ecological survey of the gecko (*Hoplodactylus maculatus*) in the Wellington region (Victoria).

Aaron Patrick, to study the history of the use of Lakes Manapouri and Te Anau for power production, with particular reference to the Save Manapouri campaign (Otago).

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