



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To ensure the scientific rigour of studies undertaken by the Society.
2. To generally oversee Birds New Zealand studies of birds and their habitats.
3. To provide advice to Council for achieving appropriate and effective dissemination of information about New Zealand birds and their habitats.
4. To provide scientific input to funding applications to assess the scientific content of proposals and the ability of applicants to achieve the outputs. Make funding recommendations.
5. Review and audit scientific reports sent to Birds NZ (mainly reports funded by Birds NZ).
6. To provide critical assessment and overview of the Society's schemes and projects to ensure that they have clearly defined purposes and contribute effectively to knowledge of New Zealand birds.
7. To provide leadership in identifying what priority projects the Society should consider initiating.
8. To maintain effective contact and appropriate collaboration with the Scientific or Research Committees of similar societies in the South Pacific Region.
9. Generally to do all such things as are considered by the Committee or Council to be conducive to the attainment of any or all of the foregoing terms of reference.

Recommendations for committee membership:

- Members are appointed by Council to try and balance age, gender, regional spread and scientific expertise.
- Each member ideally completes up to two terms of 3 years, with an opportunity for Council to review each position after 3 years.
- The role of Chair should be limited to a 3 year term only.