

NOTICES

CONFERENCE AT MASSEY

The 12th New Zealand Science Congress will be held at Massey University, Palmerston North from January 31-February 4, 1972. The Congress is being organised around the theme "The Cost of Growth," considered a very relevant topic for New Zealand scientists to discuss at the present time.

To encourage participation of the non-scientist two evening Public Symposia will be held in Palmerston North City, to hear papers and discussion on "The Cost of Growth" and "The Cost of Stagnation." The papers to be presented during the daytime sessions will be grouped under the following headings within the theme: (a) the growth and development of science in New Zealand; (b) growth and use of natural resources, and (c) growth and its impact on society.

Further information from: Dr. T. J. Brown, Secretary — 12th N.Z. Science Congress, C/o Public Relations Office, Massey University, Palmerston North.



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SADDLEBACKS

As part of a long-term co-operative project to re-establish Saddlebacks in some places on the mainland, I am preparing a map showing the former distribution of Saddlebacks in New Zealand. I would be grateful to receive any records of localities where Saddlebacks formerly occurred or to receive information concerning rare books, old diaries, manuscripts, etc., that may contain references to Saddlebacks. It is hoped to have this part of the project completed during the next three months.

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NEST RECORDS FOR ROBINS AND TOMTITS

I am initiating studies of mainland and island populations of Robins and Tomtits. Detailed and complete records of the nesting of these species are lacking. I would be most grateful to members who could obtain records, paying particular attention to date and size of clutches, length of incubation and nestling stages, and numbers of birds hatching and fledging. *Notornis* nest record cards provide a good form to follow. Additional information that would be useful would include notes on the abundance of robins and tits in the habitat where the nest is found, and a description of the habitat (especially height and density of canopy and nature of ground cover, including litter). Records should be sent to Dr. J. A. Douglas Flack, Wildlife Branch, Dept. of Internal Affairs, Private Bag, Wellington. After processing all records will be deposited permanently with the *Notornis* Nest Record Scheme.