

NOTICES

SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR 1972

It is proposed to organise a 28-day ornithological tour during October-November, 1972, taking in the following:— Santiago, southern Chilean lakes inland from Puerto Montt, Guayaquil, Galapagos Islands. Travel within the continent partly by air, partly by bus. Some camping, possibly some boating. Total cost \$1700-\$1800. *This is a ceiling cost and includes pocket money.* Chile has a tremendously rich and varied bird life, and many seabirds are closely related to those of New Zealand. The minimum number required to make the tour possible is fifteen. Would those interested please write to Mrs. S. M. Reed, 4 Mamaku Street, Meadowbank, Auckland 5, not later than mid-March, 1972.

CLASSIFIED SUMMARISED NOTES

Towards the end of 1972, a summary of all notes supplied to the Recording Scheme from 1964 to 1970 will be published as a supplement to be designated Vol. 19 No. 5. As from 1/1/71 summarised notes will be published annually. Members are urged to supply notes through their Regional Representative, to be forwarded to Mr. A. T. Edgar by 30th September in each year for editing.

BIRD MAPPING SCHEME

Would contributors please send all remaining 1971 lists to their Regional Representative as soon as possible, and in any event before 31st January, so that the annual report can be prepared on time.



REVIEW

The Birds Around Us, by R. H. D. Stidolph, Hedley's Bookshop Ltd., Masterton, \$5.50. How many bird-watchers' note-books of real value, and containing a wealth of information, never see the light of day, and die with the authors. However, Bob Stidolph's notes, extending from 1921 to the present day, have now fortunately been published in an eminently readable and informative volume of 140 pages, and the author and Hedley's are to be congratulated on their enterprise. It is printed in easy to read 12 point Baskerville type, and is illustrated with four paintings by Mrs. Stidolph, and eight photographs, several taken by the author. I have read the book with deep interest. To select a few items at random, the author's observations on the nesting and hunting behaviour of the Harrier are striking, in fact exciting, and on the Grey Warbler/Shining Cuckoo relationship are of special interest. His earlier enquiries from old settlers add materially to our knowledge of the extinct Huia.

The author will be known personally to many of the older generation of ornithologists and bird-watchers, and by reputation to many of the younger, for he was for 10 years the first editor of "Notornis," and has over the years contributed articles on birds to several journals. Many thousands of New Zealanders have at least a passing interest in our birds, and to them the book is recommended, as well as to the more knowledgeable bird-watcher or ornithologist, who can be assured they will have no cause to regret having added this interesting book to the library.

— A.B.