

ABOUT OUR AUTHORS

MAIDA BARLOW visited Whero Island, as a child, while Dr L. E. Richdale was working there. His advice to "study a single species and study it thoroughly" was not forgotten. Later she had the benefit of training and encouragement from Mr H. R. McKenzie. Other *Notornis* publications include notes or papers on Stewart Island Shags, Black-tailed Godwit, Gull-billed Tern, Broad-billed Roller and Dusky Moorhen. She is a past Council member and Regional Representative of the OSNZ.

PETER MULLER'S field work began with the Spur-winged Plover study, and his ornithological interests now cover a wide field. He is the author of "Wind and Water," the report of the January 1969 field study course in Southland. He is editor of *The Southland Times*.

ROGER SUTTON is senior field officer for the Southland Acclimatisation Society. His work for conservation has had some noteworthy effects. A wide knowledge of Southland's wildlife and his experience as a field worker have also been of benefit to a number of scientific investigations. Previous *Notornis* publications include those on Sanderlings, Whimbrels, food-passing by Harriers, and homing instinct in Pukeko. He is a Council member of the OSNZ and Regional Representative for Southland.

CAREL VOOREN was born in Rotterdam, Netherlands, 14 November 1941. He graduated in zoology at the State University of Utrecht in 1968, and his graduate studies included a project on the breeding biology of the House Sparrow. Since May 1968 he has worked as a scientific officer with the Fisheries Research Division of the Marine Department in Wellington. His principal research interest is the fisheries biology of the Tarakihi, *Cheilodactylus macropterus*, with particular emphasis on population dynamics. Field work takes him regularly to sea all round the New Zealand region. He says: "A reasonable number of breeding studies ashore has been made on sea birds, but few ornithologists get the chance to observe the birds regularly at sea where they spend, after all, most of their lives. I, therefore, decided to use my spare time at sea for studying this largely unknown aspect of sea bird biology, and the present paper is the first result of this."

BRIAN REID was born in 1930. After leaving school in 1947 he worked with the National Forest Survey until 1952 when he entered Canterbury University College. On obtaining his B.Sc. degree, he was employed for three years as Fishery Officer (mainly on trawlers and seine boats) in Auckland before transferring to the Antarctic Division of DSIR in 1958. He wintered-over at Cape Hallett during 1959 and made two subsequent visits to Antarctica where he studied penguins, skuas and seals. Since 1963 he has been with the Department of Internal Affairs studying Takahe, Kakapo and Kiwi.