

LETTERS

The Editor,
Sir,

RECORDINGS OF NEW ZEALAND BIRDS — III

My latest additions to the collection of bird calls and songs that I have on tape, as previously listed (1972, 1973), are — Great Spotted Kiwi, Fiordland Crested Penguin, Kermadec Petrel, Black-winged Petrel, Wedge-tailed Shearwater, Hutton's Shearwater, White-faced Heron, Northern Shoveler, Bobwhite Quail, North Island Weka, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Antarctic Skua, Sooty Tern, White-capped Noddy, Grey Ternlet, Oriental Cuckoo, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Kingfisher and Greenfinch.

These recordings are available for research purposes. Anyone who may wish to add material to this collection or to use it is asked to write to me at the address below.

Your readers might like to know that a full discography of recordings of New Zealand birds has been accepted for publication in the March issue of this journal.

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REVIEW OF "THE FIAT BOOK"

What a very disappointing review of *The Fiat Book of Common Birds of New Zealand* from your reviewer "R.B.S."

The book's immense popularity is surely an indication of its value and usefulness. And "R.B.S."'s criticism of Janet Marshall's paintings, and his use of a very outmoded and inappropriate Latin proverb, indicates that he is simply 'not with it.'

Better things are really expected from a semi-scientific journal.

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