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WILDLIFE AT WORK

Once again the very welcome annual summary of the activities of the Wildlife Service of the Department of Internal Affairs is at hand. *Wildlife — A Review* No. 5 (1974), edited by Peter Morrison, includes the following reports: Wetland conservation; The Mallard/Grey situation; Conservation of Brown Teal; Paradise Shelduck; Lead poisoning in waterfowl; Albatrosses of the Chatham Islands; The food of oceanic birds; Chatham Island Black Robin; Mangere Island; Raoul Island; the climate of a frog habitat; Are Tuataras dependent on petrels?; *Placostylus*; Forest Survey; Takahe; Mt Bruce Native Bird Reserve, and it concludes with a list of recent scientific publications.

Wildlife Branch is said to have acquitted itself nobly at the International Ornithological Congress at Canberra and a number of overseas participants have commented on the policies of conservation and island protection being carried out. The substance of this work is reported in *Wildlife — A Review* and will be interesting reading for all members of the OSNZ.



BEECH FORESTS

The Symposium on "Ecology and Management of South Island Beech Forests" held by the N.Z. Ecological Society in Invercargill during August 1973 has now been published in their *Proceedings*, No. 21, issued December 1974. It will be of considerable interest to all concerned with the scientific background to the Government's proposals for using these forests. The address of the N.Z. Ecological Society is: P.O. Box 1887, Wellington.