

## ABOUT OUR AUTHORS



PETER BULL is employed in Ecology Division of DSIR where he leads a small group studying bird problems of agricultural lands; earlier work on the parasites of wild rabbits gained him the Degree of D.Sc. from Victoria University of Wellington. He joined the Ornithological Society in 1940, was President 1957-60 and, at various times, has been in charge of the Society's Bird Banding, Beach Patrol and Bird Mapping Schemes. Although his ornithological publications deal mainly with introduced species, especially rooks, he has been interested in "census" methods ever since E. G. Turbott introduced him to the subject while camped on the Poor Knights in 1940.

ROWLAND H. TAYLOR is a scientist with Ecology Division, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and is now based in Nelson. He started work in 1950 as a Technical Trainee with DSIR, and here his early interest in birds was stimulated through working with such keen ornithologists as Drs K. Wodzicki and Peter Bull. Although his main research duties have been concerned with wild rabbits, red deer, and other introduced mammals, he has previously published a number of ornithological papers — notably on Adelie Penguins at Cape Royds, Antarctica — and is presently investigating bird populations in South Island beech forests.

After first visiting the Auckland Islands in 1954 he became intensely interested in New Zealand's outlying islands — as important areas for conservation and especially for the insight they allow into man's impact on the New Zealand environment. He has since taken part in several expeditions to Auckland, Campbell, Antipodes and Chatham Islands, studying — among other things — introduced mammals seals, vegetational changes, albatrosses and parakeets.

ABDUL MOEED has been a scientist with Ecology Division, DSIR, since 1971 and has worked on grasshopper taxonomy in Pakistan, bird hazard to aircraft at Christchurch International Airport; and feeding and breeding biology of starlings in Hawke's Bay. He is now working on invertebrates in the Orongorongo Valley, Wellington. He received his undergraduate and graduate education in Pakistan, and a Ph.D. from University of Canterbury, Christchurch.

PETER ROBERTS studied at Victoria University of Wellington from 1963 to 1968 and completed an M.Sc. degree in zoology. His thesis dealt with aspects of planktonic life in Perseverance Harbour, Campbell Island. A general interest in wildlife was directed towards seabirds following contact with Campbell Island's five species of albatrosses, together with a series of (Sandy) Bartle-induced beach patrols in 1966. His bird-watching received a further impetus when he was accepted by the Fisheries Research Division in Wellington to study the biology of albacore tuna. Since 1969 he has spent almost 400 days at sea on research and commercial vessels, and has visited Fiji, Norfolk Islands, Chatham Islands, Snares Island as well as most of the New Zealand coast (to 200 km offshore) while chasing tuna. He regards seabirds as "colourful and stimulating companions which help raise the mind above more mundane matters."