

physiological and behavioural techniques. The sabbatical year in New Zealand offered an opportunity to spend some time in the field. He had hoped to study the feeding behaviour of native parrots under more natural conditions. The study reported in *Notornis* represents a realistic compromise between the impoverishment of a laboratory environment and the exigencies of the field.

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NEW FROM WILDLIFE

Sound Library Catalogue. Edition No. 3. 25 pp. Wellington: Wildlife Service, Department of Internal Affairs. May 1975.

New recordings incorporated into the Wildlife Sound Library necessitate another edition of the catalogue. Although the subjects are mainly birds, they range as far as mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects, concluding with the song (call? or buzz?) of a N.Z. Blowfly (*Calliphora quadrimaculata*) recorded on Little Barrier Island.

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Wildlife — a review. No. 6, 1975. New Zealand Wildlife Service, Department of Internal Affairs. 58 pp.

Once again Wildlife has done its commendable public relations act by telling us what has been going on throughout the past year. Topics in this issue include: The honorary wildlife ranger scheme, R. T. ADAMS; Paradise Shelduck, M. J. WILLIAMS; New Zealand Shoveler, T. A. CAITHNESS; Black Swan, M. J. WILLIAMS; The timing of breeding of the Red-billed Gull, J. A. MILLS; Introduced predators and the South Island Robin, P. J. MOORS; The Black Tomtit, H. A. BEST; The Black Petrel, M. J. IMBER; Kakapo, D. V. MERTON, concluding with a report by G. R. WILLIAMS on the International Symposium on the Conservation of marine birds held in Seattle in May 1975, and followed by a list of scientific publications.

Checklist of the Birds of Australia. Part 1. Non-Passerines. By H. T. CONDON. RAOU, 1975.

The last checklist of Australian birds appeared in 1926. The present long-awaited work will be of very great interest to all OSNZ members concerned with taxonomy and distribution. Some of the name changes are likely to influence us on this side of the Tasman also. A special feature of the list is its extensive synonymy, both of species and of genera. A review by Mr D. H. Brathwaite will appear in the March issue of *Notornis*.

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If those members of the course who did not obtain notes of David Dawson's lecture, "Food, Feeding Behaviour and Habitat in Birds" will now apply to the organiser at the undermentioned address copies will be forwarded together with the notes on Don Brathwaite's lecture which will be forwarded to all members of the course early in the New Year.

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