

ABOUT OUR AUTHORS

DAVID HOLYOAK was born in England in 1949. A schoolboy interest in British birds was later extended by work at bird observatories and studies of the biology of Crows. He is currently studying the birds of the south-east Pacific, following field work there in 1972 and 1973, and preparing a handbook to the birds of this region in collaboration with French ornithologists.

ANDRÉ DHONDT was educated at Ghent State University (Belgium) where he obtained a degree in Zoology and later a doctor's degree in 1970 with a study on the population dynamics of the Great Tit (*Parus major* L.), a small hole nesting passerine.

Between 1971 and 1974 he worked with FAO, first in Madagascar and later in Western Samoa. In both places he found nests for the first time: in Madagascar of an endemic nightjar, in Samoa of the endemic triller. In 1965 he took part in an expedition to Spitsbergen to study the arctic avifauna. Since October 1974 he has been at the new University of Antwerp and is studying moult of some African bird species from material collected in West Africa and in Zaire.

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DAVID MEDWAY is a barrister and solicitor in private practice in New Plymouth. He says of himself: "I have been a member of the OSNZ since 1955. I am also a member of the RAOU and an associate of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. I serve on the National Parks Authority of New Zealand, on the Fauna Protection Advisory Council and on the Executive of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society. Other interests include membership of the Hakluyt Society and the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History. Over recent years my ornithological interests have been, primarily, subfossil avifauna, the New Zealand Thrushes (Turnagridae) — research completed but results not yet written up — the early avifauna of Stephens Island and factors affecting exterminations and reductions therein (research again completed but not yet published). As a result of these studies, I became interested in the New Zealand ornithology of Cook's Voyages, an interest which extended to the South Pacific and Hawaiian ornithology of such voyages in the course of research in Europe in 1974. I have a number of projects in various stages of completion in connection with such research."