

## REFERENCE SOURCES FOR ECOLOGICAL ORNITHOLOGISTS

The New Zealand Oceanographic Institute, DSIR, Wellington, is currently producing in its "Miscellaneous Series" of publications a number of bibliographies of literature within its interests. Issues so far published are listed below, and copies may be obtained from the Director, N.Z. Oceanographic Institute, DSIR, P.O. Box 12-436, Wellington North. Other topics to be dealt with in forthcoming issues include Kaipara Harbour, Castlepoint region, offshore islands, Te Anau and Manapouri lakes, and the Auckland Islands.

PEDERSEN, L. 1974. Bibliography of scientific studies of Wellington Harbour. MP 56: 45 pp.; PISHIEF, P. J. 1974. Mangroves in New Zealand: a preliminary bibliography. MP 63: 10 pp.; STANTON, B. R. 1975. Bibliography of the physical oceanography of the Tasman and Coral Seas to 1974. MP 66: 36 pp.; BARDSLEY, E. 1975. Preliminary bibliography of the geology and geophysics of the Cook Islands and Niue. MP 68: 13 pp.; HURLEY, D. E. 1975. Marine oil spills: a selected bibliography. MP 69: 68 pp.; YARRALL, E. I. 1975. Bibliography of the natural history of Pauatahanui Inlet (Porirua Harbour). MP 70: 8 pp.; BARDSLEY, E. 1975. The natural history of the Marlborough Sounds . . . a bibliography. MP 72: 88 pp.; ANDERSON, P. W. & GRANGE, K. R. 1976. Bibliography of scientific studies of Manakau Harbour, Auckland. MP 74: 16 pp.; ESTCOURT, I. N. 1976. Bibliography of . . . N.Z. mainland estuaries, inlets, lagoons, harbours and fiords. MP 75: 40 pp.; GRANGE, K. R. & PISHIEF, P. J. 1976. Effects of heated effluent discharge, with special reference marine biological interference: a selected bibliography. . . MP 76: 28 pp. MP 77 is a full list of the Institute's "Publications to April 1976," many of which are of direct relevance to those OSNZ members concerned with the physical oceanographic basis of seabird distribution. They include, also, charts and data on New Zealand lakes, particularly, a "Checklist of New Zealand Lakes," Memoir 74, giving a detailed, illustrated tabulation of location, area, dimensions, etc., of all New Zealand lakes with an index to their names and location. How many Blue, Diamond, Rotorua, or Swan Lakes do you know?

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## PARASITIC HABITS OF HOUSE SPARROW

Dr D. A. C. McNeil and his colleague, Mr Frank Clark, are doing a survey of the parasitic habits of the House Sparrow on other species of birds. If any OSNZ member knows of any information in New Zealand on this phenomenon, would he please oblige Dr McNeil by writing to him at 38 Queens Road, Leicester, England?