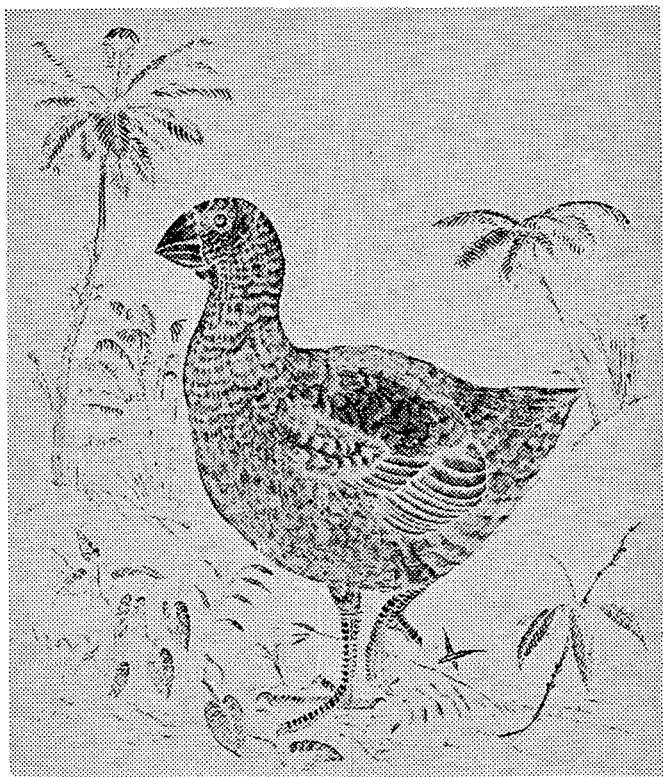


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GODWIT INQUIRY.

The Ornithological Society has decided to conduct an inquiry into the status of the bar-tailed godwit (*Limosa lapponica*) in New Zealand. Members are invited to participate in this inquiry which may continue over several years and offers scope for investigation on a long-term project. As interim reports will be published at least annually, those participating are requested to reply at once to the organiser of the project, R. H. D. Stidolph, 114 Cole Street, Masterton.

Information is desired of the type of habitat, numbers of birds in winter and summer, any fluctuations in numbers, arrival and departure dates covering spring or autumn movements, food, plumage (i.e., number of red-breasted birds) and particulars of other waders associating with godwits, or other information of interest.

CLASSIFIED NOTES will appear in the January issue; material should be in the hands of the Editor not later than October 15.