

BIRDS OF NEW ZEALAND, by A. M. Bailey.

Through the enterprise of an American museum an original guide to the *Birds of New Zealand* has been compiled by Aldred M. Bailey of the Denver Museum of Natural History, with the help of National Publicity photographer Ken Bigwood's very fine bird portraits.

Designed principally for American tourists visiting New Zealand, this valuable handbook would be a great asset if made available for New Zealanders too, for there is a sad lack of such literature in this country. Schools would also benefit by the addition of the book to their libraries.

The standard of the photography is of the very highest, and particular mention should be made of the photographs of the Royal Spoonbill at its nest at the Waitangituna River and the strikingly beautiful study by the author of the White Heron displaying nuptial plumes. Other very appealing pictures depict day-old cygnets at Lake Ellesmere, White-fronted Tern in flight, and Yellow-breasted Tit feeding young.

Bush-birds, sea-birds and waders are all included in this fine portrait gallery and many interesting and informative details of breeding and habitat, nest structure and feeding and other miscellaneous observations are collected in the text. The brief account of the author's visits to this country will be appreciated by New Zealand readers as well as by those for whom the book was originally intended.

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NOTICES

Members are reminded that short notes, the year for which ends on 30 June, should be sent to their Regional Organizers in July.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

about the Society's Greeting Cards

At the last Annual General Meeting some members expressed doubt as to whether we had advertised the cards sufficiently. The following methods were used: An advertisement was placed in the October issue of *Notornis*; the retailers were approached; endowment members each received an order form early in December, and also sales to friends. A total of 3200 cards was despatched, the maximum that could be handled at that time.

THIS YEAR, all members will receive an order form in September, showing the birds and giving the price. The price is a specially reduced one. What we ask is this:

1. Return the form promptly with remittance.
2. Have patience with those packing and give them time to complete the task.

Any inquiries to:

The Convener, O.S.N.Z. Card Committee, P.O. Box 3496, Auckland.