

A total of 30 native bird species and 9 introduced species breed on the island. Three species of petrels, Blue Penguins (*Eudyptula minor*), the North Island Kiwi (*Apteryx australis mantelli*) and many other interesting birds nest on the sanctuary. The only introduced predators are cats which live largely on the abundant Cook's Petrel (*Pterodroma cooki*). This island is a most valuable resource for studies of the ecology of native fauna and flora. — M. M. Nice.

NOTES AND NEWS

We regret the continued delays in publication of *Bird-Banding*, particularly the July issue. That issue suffered from the editor's absence abroad for several weeks, but was also held up by the temporary loss of all the illustrations and their proofs. We are endeavoring to get issues back to a more normal schedule.

Our shipments of mist nets continue to encounter delays, resulting partly from very heavy demand and partly from other factors such as unusual delays in customs. By the time this issue reaches you, we hope to have adequate stocks on hand. However, if you know your needs in advance, an early order may avoid delays at the time you plan to use the nets. For details of the five types of mist nets distributed by NEBBA, write to Mr. E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford 17, Conn.

Request for Assistance in Promoting Communication Between Ornithologists, Ecologists, and Arthropod-borne Virus Investigators

Extensive evidence indicates that wild birds are involved in the life cycle of many arthropod-borne viruses and are the source of infection for arthropods that infect man and domestic animals. The natural history of these viruses and the epidemiology of the diseases they produce are so complex that only a coordinated effort by specialists on all facets of ornithology, ecology and virology can produce the information needed.

The American Committee on Arthropod-borne Viruses (ACAV) has been attacking the virological aspects of these problems for several years, but greater participation by ornithologists is required. A meeting of ornithologists, virologists, ecologists and entomologists was organized in Atlanta, Georgia, February 16 and 17, 1962, to discuss information at hand, current investigations, and the need for more research and communication.

A subcommittee of the ACAV was formed to serve as a channel of information exchange, a focus for consultation, and to stimulate development of new tools and ideas.

The proceedings of the meeting and a list of references have been prepared and the subcommittee desires to distribute them as widely as possible. Interested persons may obtain copies from the chairman who will place their name on a mailing list for future communications.

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