

illustrations of 'look alike' species, this is the first volume to bring together in colour all the birds which are listed in the CITES (Convention on *International Trade in Endangered Species*) agreement.

For those who want a reference to the CITES agreement the full text is included as an appendix and the classification of entries is further explained in the introduction. The included "Quick Guide to all Bird Families", which has monochrome illustrations of representative species and a glossary on the topography of a bird will be a great help to border control and law enforcement agencies.

Regrettably, few New Zealand birds are included in the CITES lists and those that are listed do not all match our local lists of threatened species. This book does not improve on the situation by not always recognising sub-species. For example Ghana has added their local variety of the White Heron to CITES list III and in this book the author has included New Zealand in the range of that species. To add to the confusion the taxonomic and common nomenclature differs to that in our "Checklist of Birds of New Zealand". The White Heron is listed as *Casmerodius albus*, Auckland Island Teal has Brown Teal and New Zealand Teal as the first mentioned common names, while Red-crowned Parakeet becomes Red fronted Parakeet.

The large and distinctly marked parrots should be easily recognisable from the bold and colourful illustrations but I would place money on even the most ardent Brown Teal lover not recognising the illustrations of the male Brown Teal. Kakapo lovers may also have difficulty recognising their loved one portrayed in an upright stance with a large eye and slightly modified facial features. If this illustration standard for the species we know is similar for the other, particularly more cryptic, species then the usefulness of this book must be in question - or at least this book should be used in conjunction with other reference material.

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### Errata

In the last issue, the title of R. Schuckard's paper (Notornis 41: 93-108, 1994) should read:

'New Zealand King Shag (*Leucocarbo carunculatus*) on Duffers Reef, Marlborough Sounds'

In the Abstracts, the sentence starting on line 9 should read:

'During the six months of courtship/breeding period, daily rhythm of the colony was different from the rest of the year; high numbers of birds departed in the early morning and afternoon.'