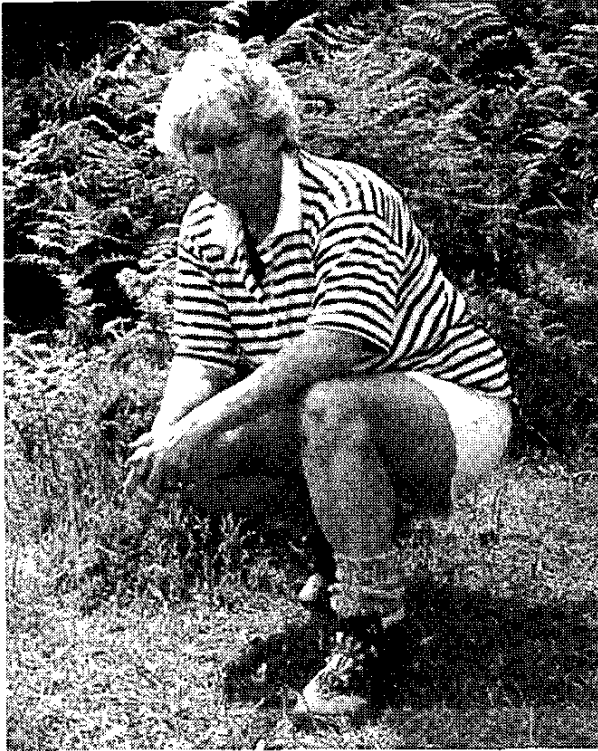


## OBITUARY



**Elizabeth Raewyn Smith**  
(1945 - 1996)



**Gavin Arthur Terence Darke  
Woodward**  
(1949 - 1996)

Raewyn Smith and Gavin Woodward were participating as volunteers in a Department of Conservation radio-tracking programme of the Chatham Island Taiko (*Pterodroma magentae*). Tragically, Raewyn and Gavin were found dead in the telemetry tent set up on the south coast of Chatham Island on 10 October 1996. This unfortunate accident brought an abrupt halt to the 1996 expedition, just two days after a new bird was caught, banded and fitted with a transmitter.

Raewyn, together with her husband Terry Smith, joined the Hawke's Bay Region of O.S.N.Z. in 1984. They participated together in most of the regional activities, the surveys of New Zealand Dotterel (*Charadrius obscurus*) in the East Cape to Porangahau area, and ably contributed to four Taiko expeditions. Raewyn's interest in birds extended into paleontology, helping R. Holdaway with his studies of moa nesting sites.

Raewyn is remembered as a very observant and energetic ornithologist, an enthusiastic kindergarten teacher, a keen music lover, a loyal friend and a dedicated homemaker. She was a most devoted wife and mother and a loving grandmother to Max and Jack. She is survived by her husband Terry and their three daughters Christine, Rachel and Angela.

At the time of his death, Gavin was working at the Victoria University School of Architecture as a photographer/ photographic technician. He was taught photography at the age of 10 by his late father, who was a member of the O.S.N.Z. In 1967, Gavin began his training as a professional photographer with the N.Z. National Film Unit and worked as a researcher/ camera assistant on their series "New Zealand, Land of Birds" and on "Falcon, Birds of Prey". He had exhibited at Victoria University, and his photos were published in "Wild New Zealand", "Complete Book of New Zealand Birds" and various booklets, information pamphlets on scenic reserves and Wellington buildings. To the great surprise of many close ornithological friends, Gavin had an avid interest in the photography of aircraft. From the enormous collection of his own photos, he was able to provide the illustrations in a number of books on New Zealand aviation and make regular contributions to the aviation magazine "Wings".

In the more than 30 years as associate and member of our Society, Gavin took a special interest in falcons and falconry. He reared and trained his own Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*). He surveyed rat predation on Black Petrels (*Procellaria parkinsoni*) on Little Barrier Island in 1971, rain forest bird distribution in Fiji in 1975, and took part in all the Wellington regional surveys. With his infectious grin and willingness to tackle any task, he was a welcome member of 10 Taiko expeditions. He is remembered as a caring, humorous person, his enthusiasm tempered with a quiet grim determination. He was an expert cook, a field skill appreciated by many. In April 1996 he became Regional Representative for Wellington.

He is survived by his mother Mrs. Janet Woodward, and his sister Mrs. Trixie Lake.

We extend our sympathy to both of their families.

Russell N. Thomas