

Birds of the Nelson Region and where to find them

In 2023 the Society provided a Projects Assistance Fund grant of \$2000 to the Nelson Branch.

As the application described, this was to allow publication of the book “Birds of the Nelson Region and where to find them”, written by Peter Field. The grant was used for this purpose. Furthermore the branch obtained sponsorship from the local branch of Forest & Bird which allowed for a print run sufficient to provide a free copy for every conference attendee. This little venture had an unexpected spinoff with a joint evening meeting between Birds NZ and Forest & Bird to launch the book. It is anticipated that our regular meetings and field trips will benefit from this connection.

The branch plans another print run so that we can stock local retailers with the book. In addition a pdf of the book will be freely available from the society's website - "Birding Locations and Maps" page as well as an opportunity to purchase a hard copy from the branch.

The branch believes that the grant has been well used in promoting the objectives of the society. Thank you.

Peter Gaze

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