

Appendix D

Newspaper article: 'Return of the titi'
Manawatu Standard, page 17, 29th March 2008.

Return of the titi bird

First it was feral and then blue ducks, but now there is a chance that mutton birds have been discovered in a remote area of the Ruahine Forest Park, says Mervyn Dykes.

Everyone knows that mutton birds are feral, but what if they were once native to New Zealand? It's a possibility that Mervyn Dykes, a conservationist, is trying to explore. He says that mutton birds were once native to New Zealand, but were driven to extinction by the arrival of the sheep and the mutton bird industry.

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Aturangi Awatere (right) and Richard Sheehy (left) with other members of the Mutton Bird Society of New Zealand, in the Ruahine Forest Park, near Taupo. The group is working to restore the mutton bird population in the park.

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