

# **RESTORATION OF PODOCARP FOREST REMNANTS ON SOUTH CANTERBURY PLAINS**

Fraser Ross, South Canterbury Branch, Forest & Bird, 319 Hilton Highway,  
Washdyke, Timaru;

Ines Stager, South Canterbury Branch, Forest & Bird, RD 21 Geraldine;  
David Musgrave, 'Woodbury', RD Geraldine.

Restoration of two rare podocarp forest remnants on the South Canterbury Plains has been carried out over the past 20 years or so. The sites are Arowhenua Bush near Temuka, and Waihi Bush, near Woodbury, both on private land. Techniques have included woody weed control, planting of locally sourced native species, and predator control. Despite the difficult and droughty environment there is now natural regeneration occurring at Arowhenua, and a steady increase of kereru and other native bird sightings at Waihi Bush.