Conway have maintained the high standard of illustrations. Likewise, the glossary (an essential for those of us without the intricacies of the technical jargon at our fingertips) and the update of relevant taxonomic papers. Also extremely valuable, in this volume, is the inclusion of both indigenous and adventive species in keys and text, when both occur in the same genus.

Short term this excellently presented, robustly bound volume will be a welcome asset both in the field and in the herbarium. Long term, as with Volumes I and II, the proof of a job well done will be in plant specimens correctly identified.

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## TIMBER INFORMATION SHEETS

A series of information sheets dealing with the availability, physical and mechanical properties and uses of several indigenous and domestically grown and imported exotic species has been produced by the Utilisation Development Division of the New Zealand Forest Service.

Thus far the following sheets are available on request from most Conservancy Offices and by writing to the information section of New Zealand Forest Service, Private Bag, Wellington.

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| Kahikatea | Larch | Southern Mahogany |
| Rimu | Macrocarpa | Sydney Blue Gum |
| Red Beech | Redwood | Alpine Ash |
| Silver Beech | Karri | Black Walnut |
| Tawa | Taun | Mountain Ash |
| Radiata Pine | Balau | Western Red Cedar |
| Corsican Pine | Kwila | Fijian Kauri |
| Douglas Fir | | Australian Blackwood |

These sheets are easily read, informative and two to three pages in length. They are aimed primarily at the general public and users (builders, handymen) and were initiated in response to the many requests received for information and advice on the species and their applications.