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Nests and birds of the *Sterna bergii*. Waipoua Island, Pukohu Group.
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PREFACE

THE present volume is designed to meet the needs of the beginning student of zoology. Accordingly, technical and scientific names have been avoided as far as possible, and those used are fully explained in the text or elsewhere. The opening chapters deal with the characteristics of living things, and, in contrasting animals and plants, attempt to bring into relief the distinguishing marks of all animals. Then follows a discussion of the cell and protoplasm, preparing the way for the examination of a series of animals representative of each of the great groups, from the simplest to the most complex. These are considered from the view-point of structure; but considerable attention is also paid to the functions of their parts, to their habits and life-history, so that while the representatives examined are, for the sake of simplicity, relatively few in number, they are, it is believed, thoroughly typical. Hence, with a knowledge of the facts presented, the student should have a broad view of the animal kingdom, and a foundation on which to base future study and observation. It is perhaps unnecessary to add that from the study of books alone no one can really make such knowledge his own. A personal acquaintance with even a few animals in their native haunts, and an understanding of the structure and the function of their

parts gained from dissection and experiment, is essential to a full comprehension of what the student learns from textbook and teacher.

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