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Printed without textual alteration, the work provides an important basis for any study of old-time Maori economics and perhaps more important of his attitude to what was a major part of his environment. It will be more of general interest today than when first written, since it stresses so fully the uses made by the Maori people of their natural resources, and supplies basic materials for further studies in ethnobotany and ethnozoology. The reverence which the old time Maori showed towards natural resources mirrors the modern concern for ecological principles.

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By Elsdon Best

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