



New Zealand—Land of the long white cloud

Around New Years Day, Roger toured the North Island of New Zealand. He was graciously hosted by Bruce and Bev Clarkson, who braved a violent summer storm to guide him up Mount Tarawera. This volcano erupted along a long vent in 1886, killing over 100 people. The land remains sacred to the Maori people.

Mount Taranaki (above) also erupted in the late 19th century. It provides a tranquil setting today, but in the future...?

Many thermal springs, water level changes, glaciers and volcanoes offer the ecologist ample opportunity to study primary succession.

Springs near Rotorua, North Island.

