

## Growth Rate of Indigenous Species.

The Editor,  
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Sir,

The Forest Experiment Station is endeavouring to ascertain the growth rates of indigenous tree species and is up against the old problem of deciding whether growth rings are annual or not.

The best and most obvious way to find out is to fell trees of known age and count the rings. Unfortunately such trees are hard to come by. If any of your readers know of any native trees whose age can be authenticated, I would be grateful to hear of them. If the trees cannot be felled, the opportunity would still be welcomed to take diameter and height measurements and, possibly, increment borings.

The Experiment Station is interested in all commercial tree species, but most particularly in *Beilschmiedia tawa*.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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Rotorua.

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## REVIEWS.

**The Forest, Forestry and Man.**—Published by the Empire Forestry Association, 1947. Distributors: Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall (1941) Ltd., Rossmore Court, London N.W.1. 68 pp., 33 illustrations, quarto. Price 4/-.

To quote from the Introduction of this brochure, which was published to coincide with the 1947 Empire Forestry Conference, "it is intended primarily for administrators, politicians and others interested in land use . . . in the hope that a better knowledge of the historical background and of the scientific basis of forestry may assist them in appreciating the problems with which the forester is faced and the measures he considers necessary to solve them. Foresters will also be helped to see past mistakes in perspective and to recognise the direction in which technical progress lies."

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