

Acknowledgements

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Note: Since this paper was prepared, two articles by Dr. E.G. White, Tussock Grasslands and Mountain Lands Institute, have appeared in Volume 18 (1975) of the New Zealand Journal of Agricultural Research. One deals with the effect of grasshoppers on alpine plants, including *Celmisia*, while the other surveys insect damage affecting seed production in *Chionochloa*.

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OUT IN THE OPEN

The Pulse of Spring

Some writer has said that, "Spring is a shabby excuse for prolonging the winter by three months", but this smart saying, however appropriate to the seasons in Europe, does not apply fairly to this favoured country. Here, there is no broad well marked boundary to cross which separates one season from another; as soon as the middle of the month of August is reached, one can feel the mild incoming of the genial period of growth. Spring comes upon us quietly "doing good by stealth" like pitiful-eyed charity, clothing the naked. She spreads abroad verdure as a garment, causing the face of Mother Nature (like that of many another female) to break into radiant smiles when adorned with the freshness of new apparel.

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