

IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE . . . NO IT'S
MRS. PILCHER'S CABBAGE PATCH! ???

UFO theories still flying around

WELLINGTON:
New Zealand's UFOs are flocks of half a million mutation birds flying inland at night to mate.

That's the latest theory on the mystery and it comes from a leading ornithologist, Mr J. Harrow.

Beauties

He says huge flocks of the birds fly in at 2000m to mate near the Clarence River, the most popular spot for UFO observations.

According to Mr Harrow, the birds' shiny white undersides could reflect the lights of squid fishing boats anchored off the coast.

However, Mrs Eru

From Barry Watts

Pilcher, of Kaikoura, near the Clarence River believes it's her cabbage patch that's causing all the fuss.

"I've got nearly a quarter of an acre of them," she said.

"They are big beauties and their leaves shine in the moonlight.

"I reckon what all these chappies are seeing is my cabbages reflecting off the clouds or something."

Other examples of reasoning range from the South Island's crack Silver Fern train reflecting its lights, to

pranksters with a possum shooter's spotlight.

However, as far as farmer, John Acklan, is concerned it doesn't explain why his crop of peas has been flattened.

Mr. Acklan, whose farm is near the Clarence River, said a large part of his paddock of peas had been flattened into a circular shape measuring four metres across.

"It has been done for no apparent reason yet the crop is undamaged," he said.

"It would have taken a terrible force of air or something like a downward blast to have done it and there is no sign of tracks."