

movement which involved over 1,200 individuals unusual, so it is quite probable that a flight of this type occurs more often than we realize.

On another occasion early in the fall of 1960, I observed another species leave Fire Island and fly out over the ocean with great determination but without success. Throughout the morning a great many flocks of female and/or immature Redwinged Blackbirds (*Agelaius Phoeniceus*) were moving west along the Fire Island strip and upon leaving Democrat Point struck out over the ocean. There was an extremely strong SW wind that morning and as the flocks headed directly into it they began mounting higher and higher in the sky. While this vertical movement was impressive, their horizontal progress was nil. Each flock which left the Point that morning tried very hard to overcome the strong wind, but in the end, they would finally veer off to the NW and settle for Jones Beach. I am sure that had the wind been more favorable, these birds would have made the crossing to Jersey.

Certainly the above mentioned observations are not isolated incidences but I would suggest that daytime crossings to the Jersey shore are much more common further west along the beachfront than they are at Democrat Point.

Earlier in this article I stated that migration on the beach strip to the east was similar to Democrat. As an example of just how heavy this migration really is I should like to mention the banding records of Mr. Leroy Wilcox of Speonk and Mr. Walter Terry of Blue Point. These two men, working as a team, on a section of beachfront just east of Quoque have banded between three and four thousand birds each year for the past three years. This astonishing number, by just two men, covered two months of each year, namely, September and October. Fall migration in this area is very similar to that found at Democrat Point and strong NW winds throughout the night will also cause a heavy movement of migrants flying in off the ocean during the morning hours. Messrs. Wilcox and Terry have a number of projects planned providing they can arrange for enough help. It is hoped that the work they are carrying on will help us to better understand the movements of the outer beach migrants.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 16th Annual Convention of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs will take place April 26, 27, and 28, 1963, at Jamestown, New York. Members who wish to present a paper during the session of Saturday afternoon, April 27, are urged to submit their names to the Program Chairman, Dr. Allen H. Benton, Department of Biology, State University College, Fredonia, New York. In order to appear on the printed program, papers must be listed with Dr. Benton by April 1. Papers will be limited in length only by the number presentd.

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