

PROJECT AMFO

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What is Project "AMFO"? If you think back to the 1970 Annual Meeting, you'll recall mention of this project. AMFO (Autumn Migration in Flyway One) is a study, devised by the AMFO Committee of 1969-1970, of age ratios during fall migration.

We have now received such data from many of our fall migration stations operating in 1970. Since the AMFO analyses are done by "ye editor" who was already overwhelmed with work before tackling the AMFO work, he is now thanking you for your data. This should have been done by means of a thank you note, but I never got around to it.

Let me just briefly explain what this data might lead to and how we are planning to go about analysing it. First, we take all your data of a certain species (Yellowthroat) and we count out your daily and seasonal totals for adults and for immatures. Secondly, we try to work the bias of "different habitat" out, by deviding the season total into the day total and multiplying the result by 100. Then we take all adults and/or immatures banded in the first five hours of each day per 10 day period and we then figure out the adults per 1000 net/hours and then the same for the immatures. What we should end up with is the figure which best describes the density of the movement in your area. Of course the serious bias of "different populations" cannot be worked out statistically (to my knowledge).

All this work is going to take time. It is going to take longer than usual, because my editorial duties have priority over everything. I should hope to be able to present some figures by the annual meeting time for 1971 but whether I will discuss it at the meeting, is another matter.

I am going to need help (obviously). Our president indicates to me, that he has trouble filling committee positions and as such, is unable to provide members for the "AMFO" Committee. It seems to me, that among our 750 members, there must be someone willing to assist on this program; otherwise, what is the sense of doing it at all?

I am looking for volunteers.....Won't you help me? If you feel you can be of help, please contact me: Frederick S. Schaeffer, P.O. Box 3295, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Telephone: 212-657-5673.(Evenings only).

