DAVID MCDONALD, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6M5 Do birds of a feather flock together?

One might wonder if the location of nests of red-wing blackbirds in the Mer Bleue conservation area may be modelled as a Poisson process. However it couldn't be a homogeneous Poisson process since some areas are less desirable than others for nesting (part of the nesting area is open water). The obvious alternative is that nest sites tend to clump together perhaps for protection or alternatively these aggressive birds tend to construct nests as far as possible from other nests.