

Biodiversity in National Parks

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Goals

- ❖ investigate the conservation status of different species from four national parks
- ❖ find patterns to the types of species that become endangered

Datasets

observations:

- ❖ *scientific_name* - the scientific name of each species
- ❖ *park_name* - park where species were found
- ❖ *observations* - the number of times each species was observed at park in the last 7 days

species:

- ❖ *category* - class of animal
- ❖ *scientific_name* - the scientific name of each species
- ❖ *common_name* - the common names of each species
- ❖ *conservation_status* - each species' current conservation status

Conservation Status

- ❖ **Species of Concern** - species at low risk, conserved to prevent being threatened.
- ❖ **Endangered** - species facing high risk of extinction.
- ❖ **Threatened** - species that are likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future.
- ❖ **In Recovery** - formerly endangered species that have shown an increase in population.

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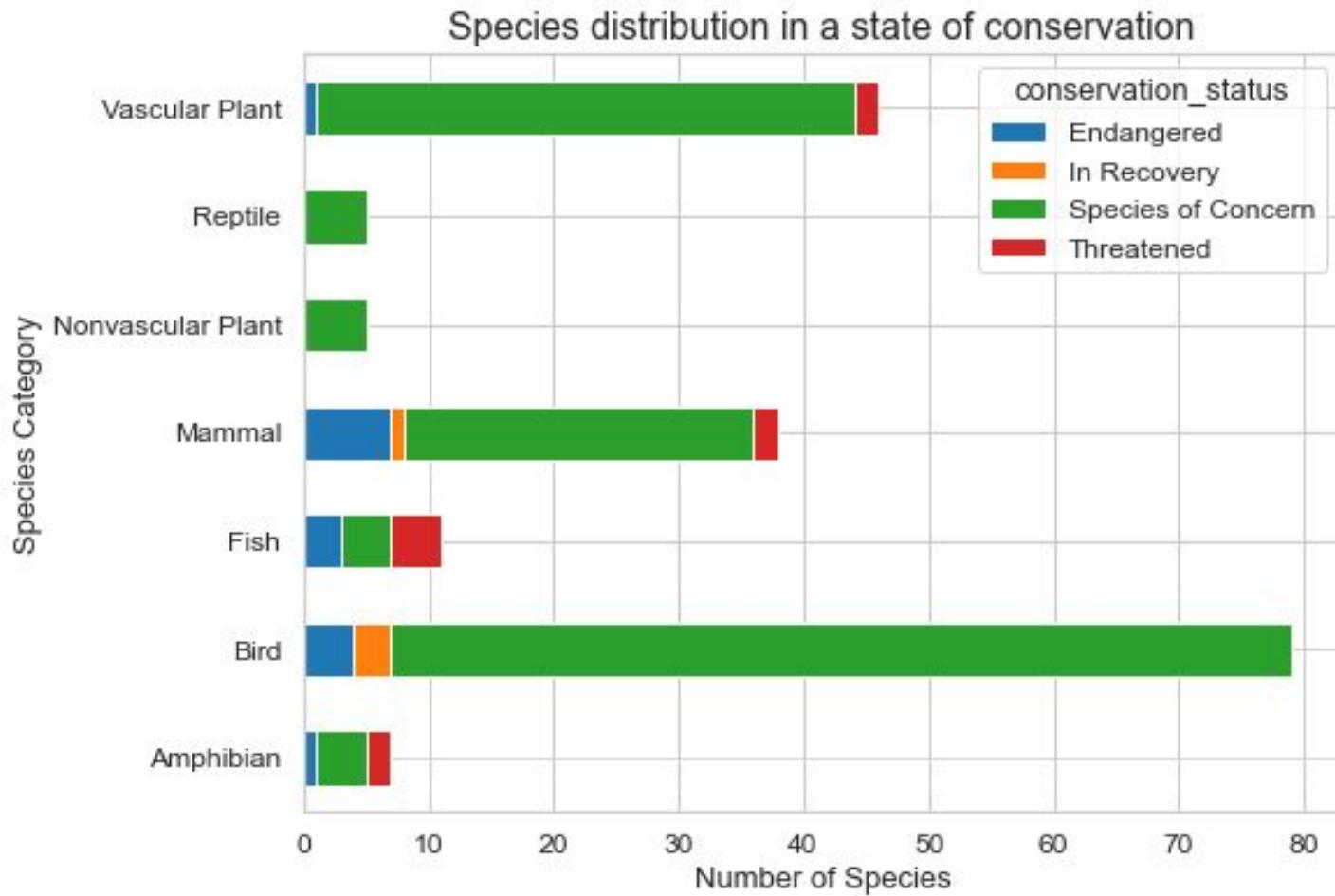
- ❖ Yosemite National Park
- ❖ Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- ❖ Yellowstone National Park
- ❖ Bryce National Park

Species Categories

- ❖ Mammal
- ❖ Bird
- ❖ Fish
- ❖ Amphibian
- ❖ Vascular Plant
- ❖ Nonvascular plant

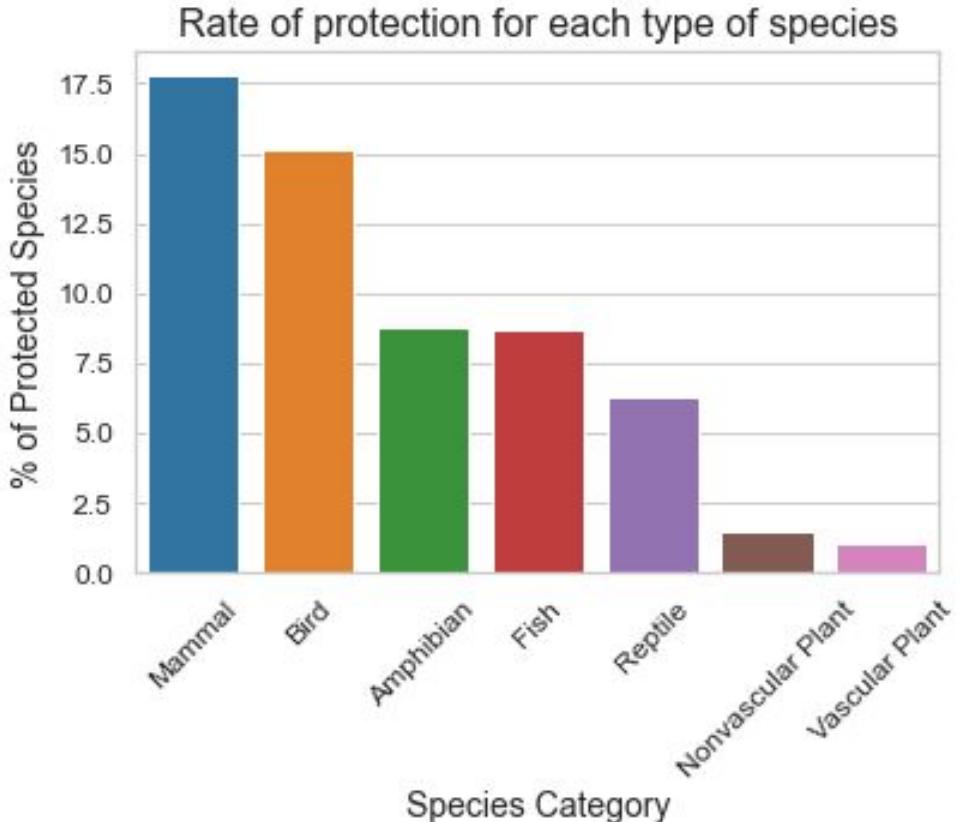
Conservation status distribution

Conservation Status	Number of Species
Not at Risk	5333
Species of Concern	161
Endangered	16
Threatened	10
In Recovery	4



Rate of protection

- ❖ Species from the Mammal category have the highest rate of protection about 17.8%.
- ❖ Species from the Bird category follow with a rate of about 15%.
- ❖ Species from the Amphibian and Fish categories have similar rates of about 8.7%.



Chi-Square Test

category	protected	unprotected
Mammal	38	176
Bird	79	442

P-value: 0.45

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Not Significant

P-value: $9 * 10^{-84}$

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Significant

category	protected	unprotected
Bird	79	442
Vascular Plant	46	4424

Most spotted species

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Least spotted species

- ❖ At Yosemite National Park the endangered fish 'Smoky Madtom'.
- ❖ At Great Smoky Mountains National Park the endangered amphibian 'Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog'.
- ❖ At Yellowstone National Park the endangered bird 'Whooping Crane'.
- ❖ At Bryce National Park the endangered bird 'Bachman's Warbler'.

Conclusions

- ❖ The majority of species listed as 'Species of Concern' and 'In Recovery' are birds.
Most endangered species are in the 'Mammal' category, while the most threatened are fishes.
- ❖ Species in the 'Mammal' and the 'Bird' category are more likely to be endangered.
- ❖ The differences between mammals and birds and their conservations status are not significant, but they are between birds and vascular plants.
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