# Who's the Bird behind the chirp?



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#### **Motivation**

#### Can we classify sounds by their acoustic characteristics?

Why birds?

- Non-invasive way to track wildlife patterns
- We hear birds every day
- Can lead to classification of more complex soundscapes

#### Data:

- Collected from Xeno-Canto
- Only 'A' rated songs used
- Six species to classify
- 240 total recordings

#### **Dataset**

Barred Antsrike



Great Antshrike



American Robin



**Dusky Antbird** 



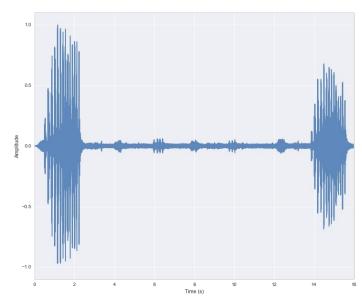
**Northern Cardinal** 



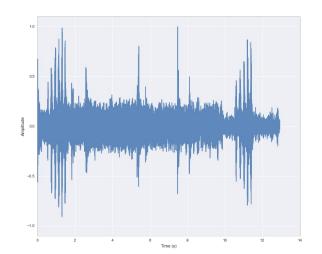
House Finch

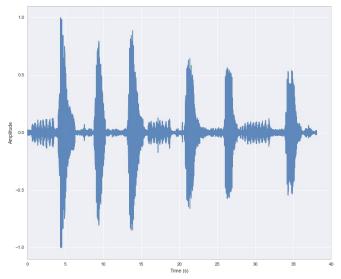


#### **Signal Processing**

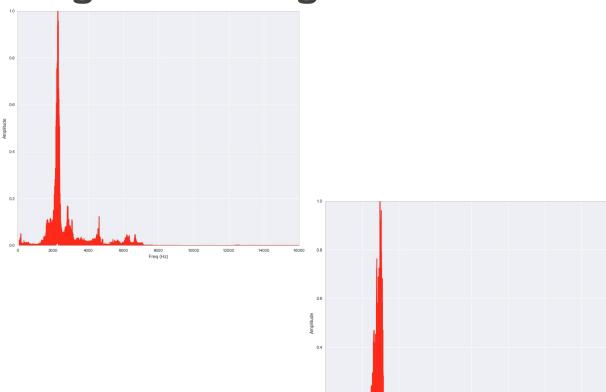


This is all the same bird - the dusky antbird!

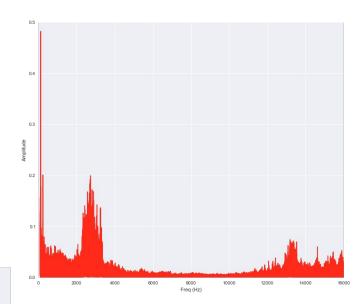


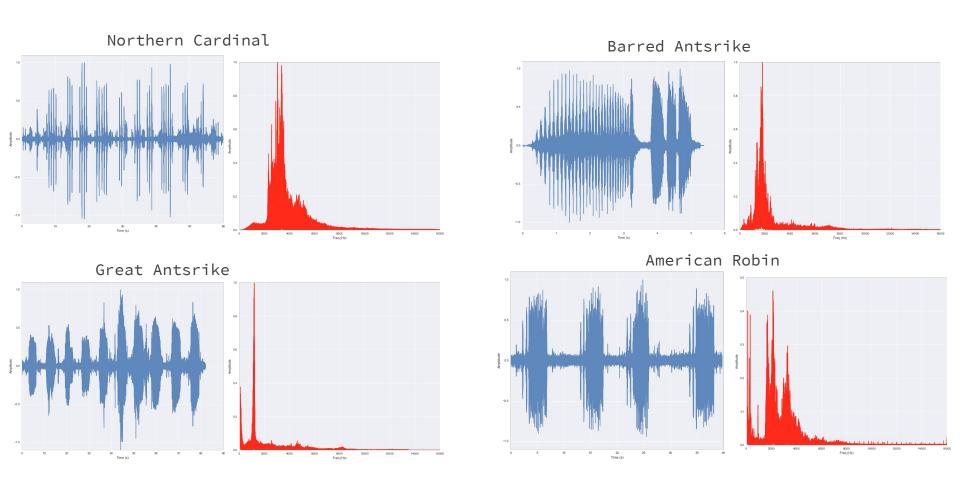


**Signal Processing** 



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Extract acoustic qualities - tone, timbre, brightness/color, tempo, rhythm

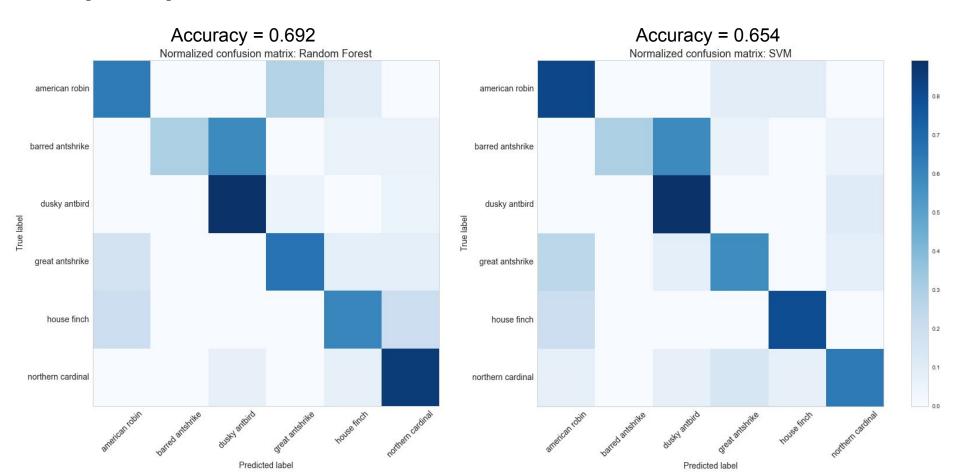
#### **Starting Features**

- Entire Signal:
  - o 15 frequency bins of avg. fourier amplitude values
  - 4 bins of amplitude distribution
  - Freq. of max amplitude
- Aggregate over 25ms frames:
  - Root mean square energy
  - Avg. number of zero crossings
  - Std. of Spectral Centroid
  - o 13 avg. Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients

#### **After Feature Selection**

- 5 frequency bins of avg. fourier amplitude values
- Freq. of max amplitude
- 3 bins of amplitude distribution
- First and thirteenth avg. MFCC
- Avg. number of zero crossings

#### Chirp! Chirp! - Who's There?

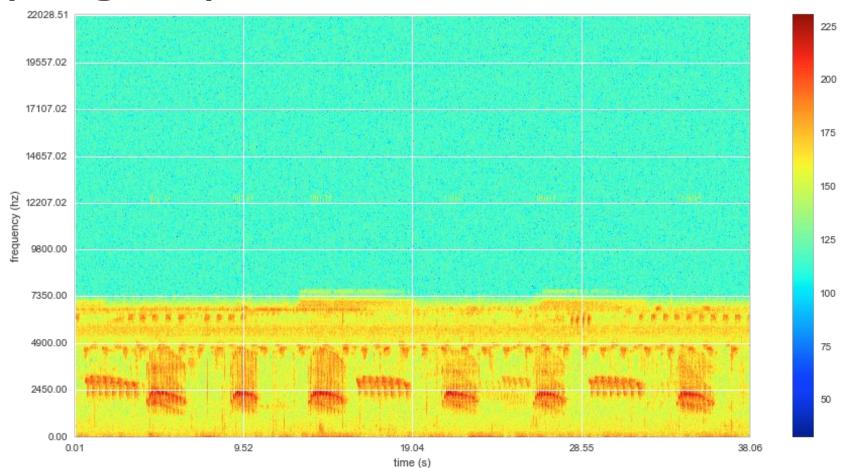


#### **Challenges/Next Steps**

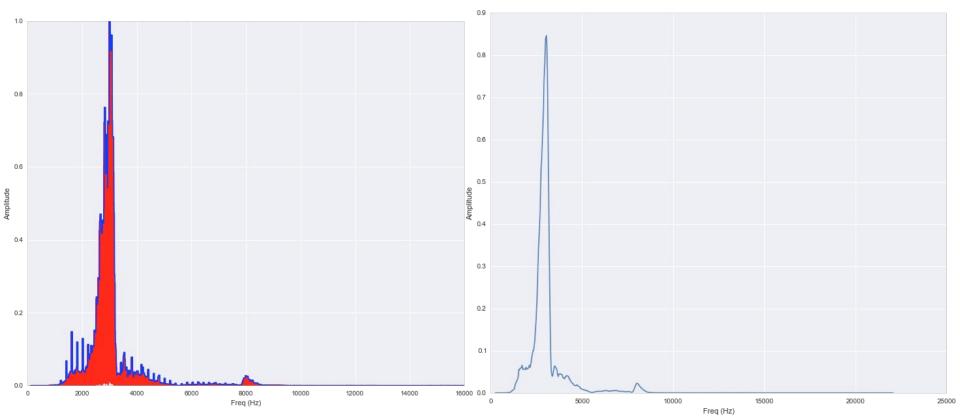
- Major challenge: the time domain
  - Dynamic Time Warp and Auto Correlation
  - Align on the correct part of the song
  - Songs consist of permutation of notes/sequences
  - Account for tempo, rhythm
- Explore feature selection/creation in more depth
  - Distinguishing birds with similar frequency range
  - Unsupervised learning
- Use neural network or deep learning
- Add more birds!

## Questions?

### **Spectogram Space**

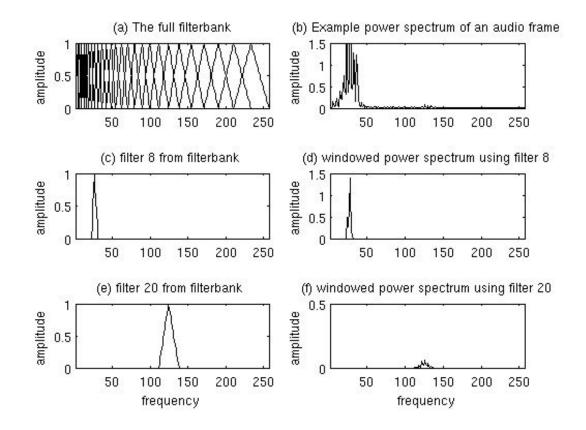


### **Signal Processing**

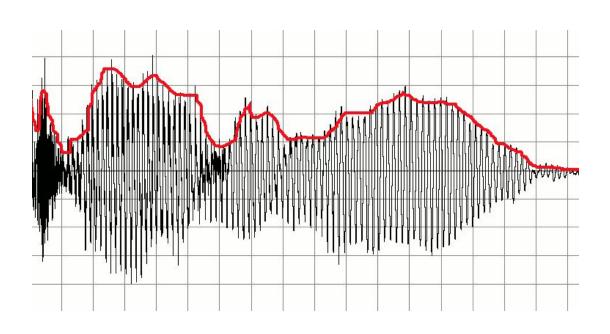


#### **MFCC**

$$M(f) = 1125 \ln(1 + f/700) \tag{1}$$



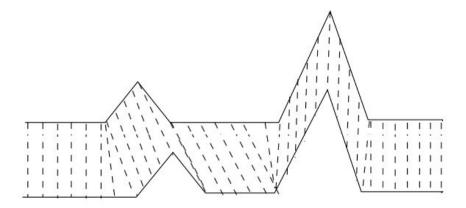
### Timbre - wave envelope



#### Dynamic Time Warp/Auto correlation

DTW = Finding the best path between two time series

- Sequences are 'warped' non-linearly in time



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- Challenges and Next Steps



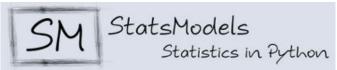














#### Resources

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https://www.researchgate.
net/publication/224266043_Feature_set_comparison_for_automatic_bird_species_identification
http://www.academia.
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http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4106198/

http://practicalcryptography.com/miscellaneous/machine-learning/guide-mel-frequencycepstral-coefficients-mfccs/

edu/2272643/Classification of Birds using FFT and Artificial Neural Networks

http://web.engr.oregonstate.edu/~xfern/bird-icdm09.pdf