

Biodiveristy Capstone Project

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Investigating Protected Species



Description of data in species_info.csv

- A section describing the data in **species_info.csv**. Be sure to include some (or all) of what you noticed while working through the notebook.
- the information contained is the dataframe **species_info.csv** :
 - index category,
 - scientific_name,
 - common_names
 - conservation_status
- There are 5541 different species in the species DataFrame → species_count = 5541.

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- There are 7 categories (species type) in the DataFrame species, which are :
 - Mammal
 - Bird
 - Reptile
 - Amphibian
 - Fish
 - Vascular Plant
 - Nonvascular Plant
- The different values of conservation status are : nan, 'Species of Concern', 'Endangered', 'Threatened' and 'In Recovery'

Species Conservation Status Analysis

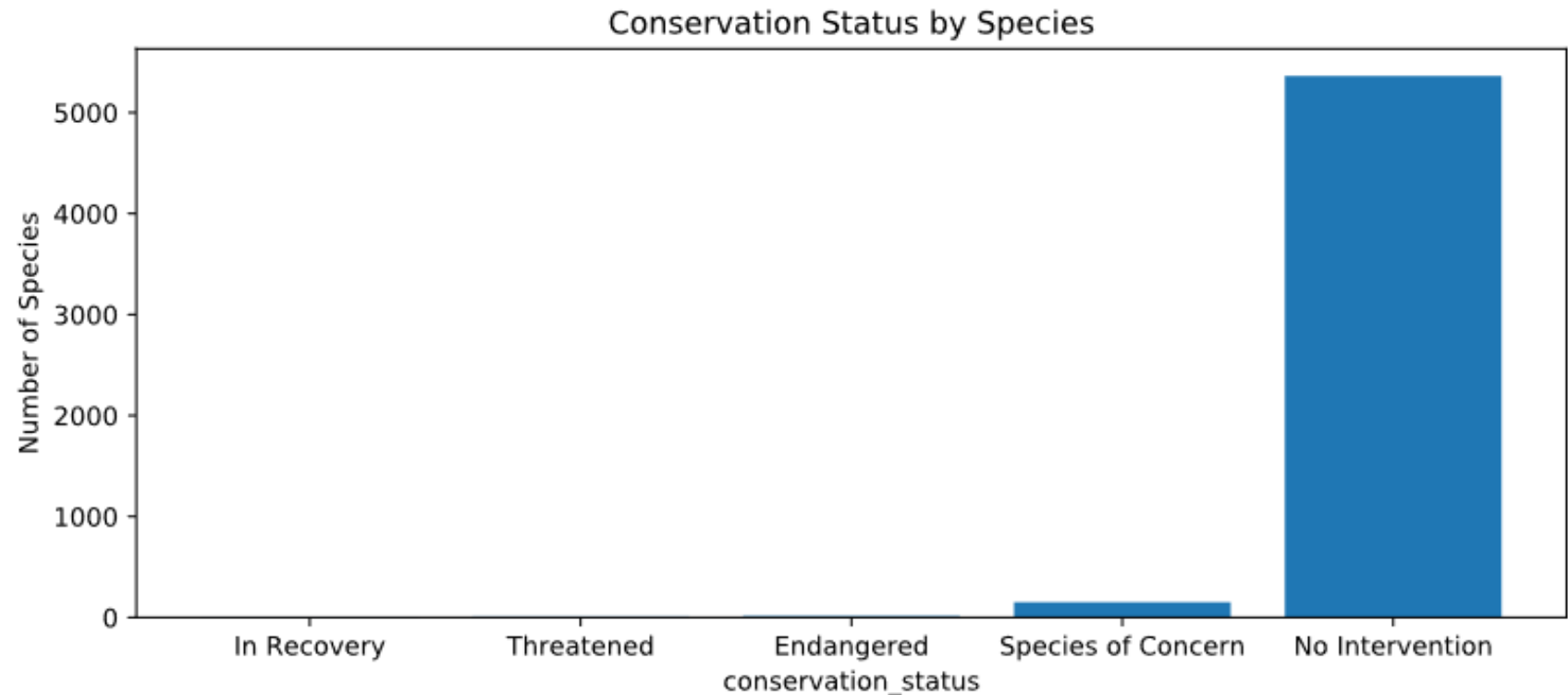
- Number of scientific_names for each conservation_status criteria are:

| Conservation_status | Conservation_counts |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Endangered | 15 |
| In Recovery | 4 |
| Species of Concern | 151 |
| Threatened | 10 |

We notice that we have a conservation status for only 180 species, but we found that there far more than that. Only a small number of species are categorized as needing some sort of protection. The rest have conservation_status equal to None, or NaN.

Conservation_counts_fixed

| | conservation_status | scientific_name |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | In Recovery | 4 |
| 4 | Threatened | 10 |
| 0 | Endangered | 15 |
| 3 | Species of Concern | 151 |
| 2 | No Intervention | 5363 |



Significance calculations for endangered status between different categories of species

- Mammals 17% and birds 15% are on the top of the categories that are protected → it seems that both of them are likely to be more endangered.

| category | not_protected | Protected | percent_protected |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Amphibian | 72 | 7 | 0.088608 |
| Bird | 413 | 75 | 0.153689 |
| Fish | 115 | 11 | 0.087302 |
| Mammal | 146 | 30 | 0.170455 |
| Nonvascular Plant | 328 | 5 | 0.015015 |
| Reptile | 73 | 5 | 0.064103 |
| Vascular Plant | 4216 | 46 | 0.010793 |

Recommendation for conservationists concerned about endangered species

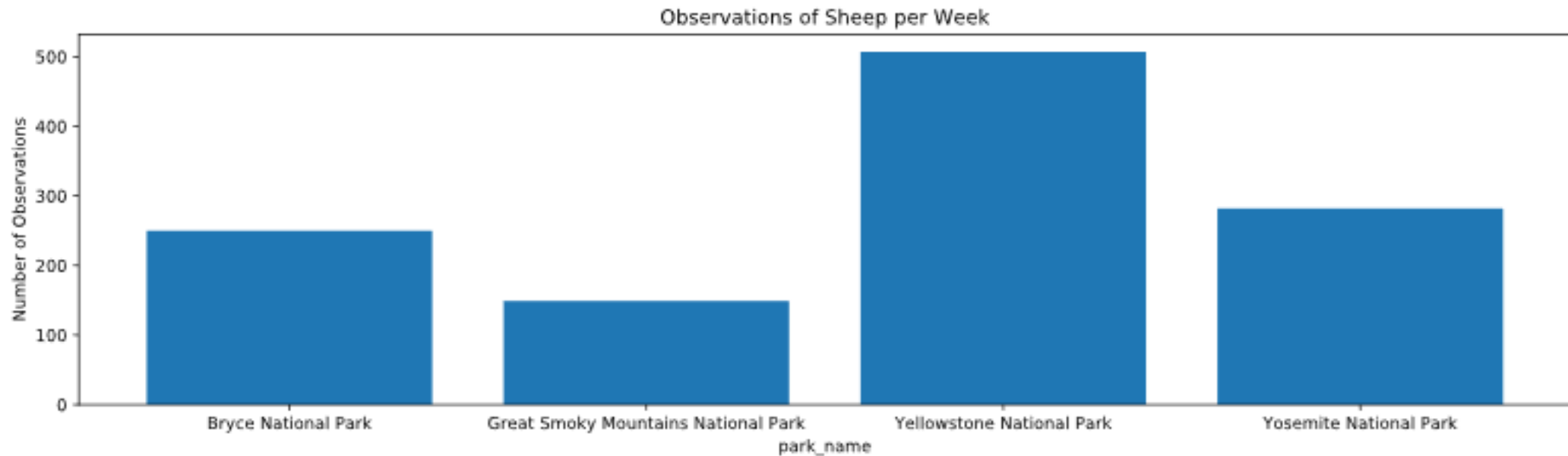
- $pval_mammals_birds = 0.688 > 0.05 \rightarrow$ we fail to reject the null hypothesis there is no significant difference between Mammals and Birds : the difference is due to chance.
- $pval_reptile_mammal = 0.038 < 0.05 \rightarrow$ we reject the null hypothesis there is a significant difference between Mammals and reptiles, the difference is not due to chance.
- $pval_reptile_mammal = 0.7 > 0.05$, then we fail to reject the null hypothesis there is no significant difference between fish and reptiles, the difference is due to chance.
- $pval_nonvascular_reptile = 0.033 < 0.05$, then we reject the null hypothesis there is a significant difference between non vascular and reptiles, the difference is not due to chance.
- $pval_fish_amphibian = 0.82 > 0.05$, then we fail to reject the null hypothesis there is no significant difference between non fish and Amphibians, the difference is due to chance
 - \rightarrow Conservationists should focus on both Mammals and Birds regarding the protection in comparison with other categories. They are more likely to be endangered.
 - \rightarrow Only small proportion of species are protected; percent_protected values are less than 15,50%

Sample size of Foot and Mouth Reduction Effort

- baseline = 15
- minimum_detectable_effect = 33.33
- sample_size_per_variant = 870
- yellowstone_weeks_observing = $870 / 507$
- at yellowstone_weeks_observing the scientists need 1.7 weeks; 12 days
- bryce_weeks_observing = $870 / 250$
- at bryce_weeks_observing the scientists need 3.5 weeks; 24.5 days

Observations of sheep per week

| park_name | observations |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bryce National Park | 250 |
| Great Smoky Mountains National Park | 149 |
| Yellowstone National Park | 507 |
| Yosemite National Park | 282 |



Thanks

