Personal Assessment Form Due Sundays at Midnight

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Project: Impacts Of Habitat Attributes On Urban Bird Communities.

As we discussed in class, the goal of this assessment is for you to check in with yourself about how you are doing in your final project, i.e. practice good project management skills. This is similar to what we have been doing in the weekly class assessment exercise, but turning it around. In the following exercise, remember to be kind to yourself to help keep your motivation up!

1. What were the project goals for the week?

Project goals for this week involved doing extra background research to decide what I was able to do as part of my planned statistical analysis.

2. How did you meet these goals, or what did you do instead?

Downloaded R studio, messed around with code from Dr. Gabler’s presentation to further figure out ANOVAS and ANCOVAS as well as fitting data with packages.

3. What worked well (plusses)?

Doing Background research to write the broader impacts section in the final proposal brought insight to what I was actually interested in researching. I decide to change my research topic and overall project from eutrophication in water systems to exploring data from bird surveys and urbanization in the RGV. As I’m writing this I am finding it helpful, reflection is always a plus.

4. What could be improved (deltas)?

Since thanksgiving break is just around the corner now is the time for me to try and complete as many figures and tables as possible. By doing this I can mess around with the way my figures will look for the final presentation.

5. Plans for next week (project goals and work habit goals):

Finish ANCOVAS, and start PerMANOVAS. If I do this I’ll be on tract to actually relaxing while traveling during thanksgiving break and having peace of mind that my figures can be tweaked and look great for the presentation.

6. Notes/ideas

Narrow down the amount of figures, there’s a lot of factors in the data. Maybe just concentrate on one habitat attribute… or one specific kind of bird abundance.