Capstone Option 2: Biodiversity for the National Parks

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	conservation_status	scientific_name
0	Endangered	15
1	In Recovery	4
2	Species of Concern	151
3	Threatened	10

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	category	scientific_name	common_names	conservation_status
0	Mammal	Clethrionomys gapperi gapperi	Gapper's Red-Backed Vole	No Intervention
1	Mammal	Bos bison	American Bison, Bison	No Intervention
2	Mammal	Bos taurus	Aurochs, Aurochs, Domestic Cattle (Feral), Domesticated Cattle	No Intervention
3	Mammal	Ovis aries	Domestic Sheep, Mouflon, Red Sheep, Sheep (Feral)	No Intervention
4	Mammal	Cervus elaphus	Wapiti Or Elk	No Intervention

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species_count = species.nunique()
print species_count.head()

category 7
scientific_name 5541
common_names 5504
conservation_status 4
dtype: int64

print species.category.unique()

['Mammal' 'Bird' 'Reptile' 'Amphibian' 'Fish' 'Vascular Plant'
    'Nonvascular Plant']

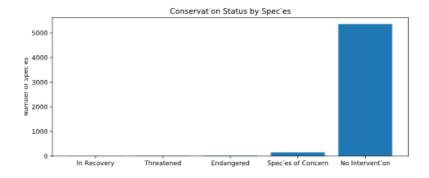
print species.conservation_status.unique()

[nan 'Species of Concern' 'Endangered' 'Threatened' 'In Recovery']
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conservation_counts =
species.groupby('conservation_status').scientific_name.nunique().reset_index()
print conservation counts
conservation status scientific name
       Endangered
                           15
0
      In Recovery
                          4
1
2 Species of Concern
                            151
       Threatened
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                          10
species.fillna('No Intervention', inplace = True)
conservation counts fixed =
species.groupby('conservation status').scientific name.nunique().reset index()
print conservation counts fixed
conservation_status scientific_name
      Endangered
0
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                          4
1
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                          5363
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protection_counts = species.groupby('conservation_status')\
    .scientific_name.nunique().reset_index()\
    .sort_values(by='scientific_name')

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 4))
ax = plt.subplot()
plt.bar(range(len(protection_counts)),protection_counts.scientific_name.values)
ax.set_xticks(range(len(protection_counts)))
ax.set_xticklabels(protection_counts.conservation_status.value s)
plt.ylabel('Number of Species')
plt.title('Conservation Status by Species')
labels = [e.get_text() for e in ax.get_xticklabels()]
plt.show()
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species['is_protected'] = species.conservation_status != 'No
Intervention'
category counts = species.groupby(['category',
'is protected']).scientific name.nunique().reset index()
print category counts.head()
category_pivot =
category counts.pivot(columns='is protected',
            index='category',
            values='scientific name')\
            .reset_index()
print category pivot
category pivot.columns = ['category', 'not protected',
'protected']
print category pivot
category pivot['percent protected'] =
category pivot.protected/(category pivot.protected +
category pivot.not protected)
print category_pivot
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category not_protected protected
     Amphibian
                    72
1
       Bird
                413
                        75
                115
2
       Fish
                        11
                    146
                           30
       Mammal
                      328
4 Nonvascular Plant
                             5
                        5
5
      Reptile
                  73
  Vascular Plant
                   4216
                            46
     category not_protected protected percent_protected
     Amphibian
                    72
                           7
                                 0.088608
0
                        75
       Bird
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       Fish
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       Mammal
                   146
                                  0.170455
4 Nonvascular Plant
                      328
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                                    0.015015
      Reptile
                        5
                               0.064103
5
                  73
   Vascular Plant
                            46
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Recommendations

- Certain types of species are more likely to be endangered than others based on the data provided. In particular, it appears that Mammals are significantly more likely to be endangered than reptiles.
- Therefore, the Parks may consider doing more research into reptile species present in the parks to determine if there are reptiles that would fall into the category of endangered.
- Another options would be to research why more Mammals (and Birds) are endangered than the other species.