Biodiversity in National Parks

Data Analysis on Endangered Species

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Objective

- Analyze data of all species at various national parks
- Investigate certain types of species that are more likely to be endangered
- Describe the sample size determination for the foot and mouth disease study

1. Dataset Analysis

There are 5,541 species in all national parks

Mammal

Bird

Reptile

Amphibian

Fish

Vascular Plant

Nonvascular Plant

7 Categories: 5 Conservation Status:

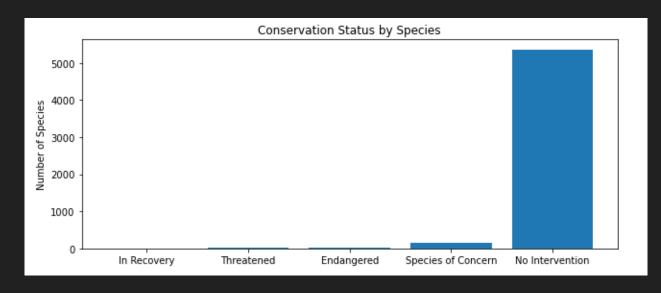
Species of Concern

Endangered

Threatened

In Recovery

No Intervention



2. Endangered species of each category

	category	not_protected	protected	percent_protected
0	Amphibian	72	7	0.088608
1	Bird	413	75	0.153689
2	Fish	115	11	0.087302
3	Mammal	146	30	0.170455
4	Nonvascular Plant	328	5	0.015015
5	Reptile	73	5	0.064103
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Species in the category Mammal are more likely to be endangered than species in **Bird**

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Endangered species of each category

Significance test

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Bird & Mammal

Chi squared test

Result: p-value > 0.05 The difference isn't significant!

Meaning: Both Mammals and Birds are categorized as the most endangered species.

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Reptile & Mammal

Chi squared test

Result: p-value < 0.05 There is a significant difference between Reptile and Mammal

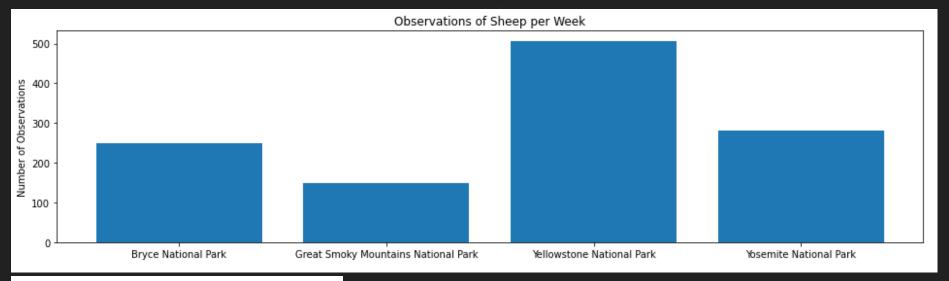
Meaning: Mammal is more likely to be endangered than Reptile

Recommendations

O National parks need to take extra protection to Mammal and Bird as they are the most endangered species.

3. Sample size determination (food and mouth disease study)

- O Some scientists are studying the number of sheep sightings at different national parks.
- These are the number of observations in each national park per week:



	park_name	observations
0	Bryce National Park	250
1	Great Smoky Mountains National Park	149
2	Yellowstone National Park	507
3	Yosemite National Park	282

3. Sample size determination (food and mouth disease study)

Program: Reducing foot and mouth disease rate Program (by Yellowstone National Park)

Goal: Reductions of at least 5 percentage points.

Information: 15% of sheep at Bryce National Park have foot and mouth disease.

10% of sheep in Yellowstone have foot and mouth disease.

Significance level = 90%

#Bryce National Park

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Minimum detectable effect = 0.05/0.15 * 100 = 33.33
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Baseline = 15

Statistical significance = 90

Sample size = 870

Week to observe = 870/250 – 3.48 weeks

#Yellowstone National Park

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Minimum detectable effect = 0.05/0.10 * 100 = 50
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Baseline = 10

Statistical significance = 90

Sample size = 610

Week to observe = 610/507 = 1 week

The scientists need 3.48 weeks to observe sheep at Bryce National Park and 1 week at Yellowstone National Park