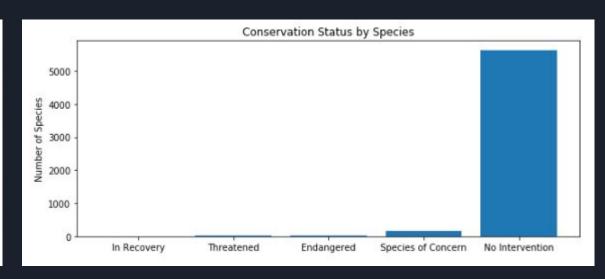
Endangered Species Analysis and Recommendations

A look at data from the US National Park Service

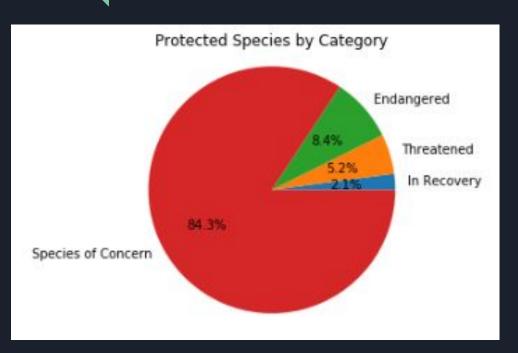
What's the Breakdown of Conservation Status by species?

Most species are not assigned a protected status in the United States.

scientific_name	conservation_status	
4	In Recovery	1
10	Threatened	4
16	Endangered	0
161	Species of Concern	3
5633	No Intervention	2



What's the breakdown by category of only protected species?



Large majority of the protected species are in 'Species of Concern'

'Endangered', 'Threatened' and 'In Recovery' make up just over 15% combined.

Are more species likely to be endangered?

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Plants have by far the least percent.

Amongst animal species:

- 1) Mammals and birds have the highest percent of their species that is protected.
- 2) Reptiles and fish have the least amount

Are the differences significant or is it caused by random chance?

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What this means:

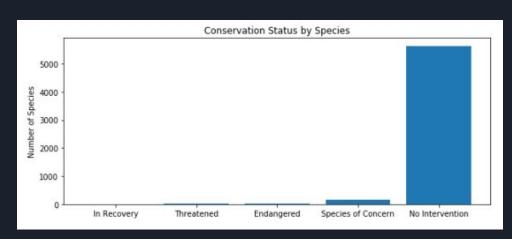
There is something (or multiple things) that are affecting the percent of mammals that are protected and the percent of reptiles that are protected.

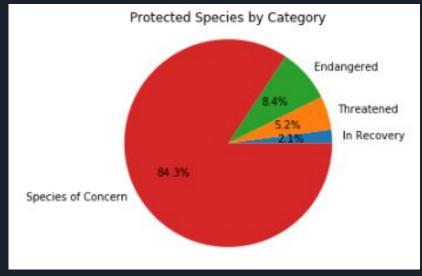
Recommendation #1:

Most species are not protected - let's hope this continues!

For the species that <u>are</u> protected:

- 1) Continued or increased efforts on highest risk species ('endangered' and' threatened')
- 2) Vigilant monitoring of trends in 'Species of Concern' category'





Recommendation #2:

Discover what is the relationship between percent of species that are threatened between Mammals and Reptiles.

Suggestions:

- 1) Categorization discrepancy
- 2) Systemic issue within national park ecosystem

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How large should the sample size be for our sheep foot and mouth disease reduction program?

<u>IF:</u>

1) Affected sheep at Bryce: 15%

2) Our hopeful outcome: 5% decrease

3) Confidence Interval: 90 %

<u>Then:</u>

Our Sample Size should be 510 sheep

How long will it take to collect observations for our sheep foot and mouth reduction program?



Bryce: About 2 weeks

Yellowstone: About 1 week

Note: Continue collecting until you've met the total observed amount of sheep. Don't stop until before or after!

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