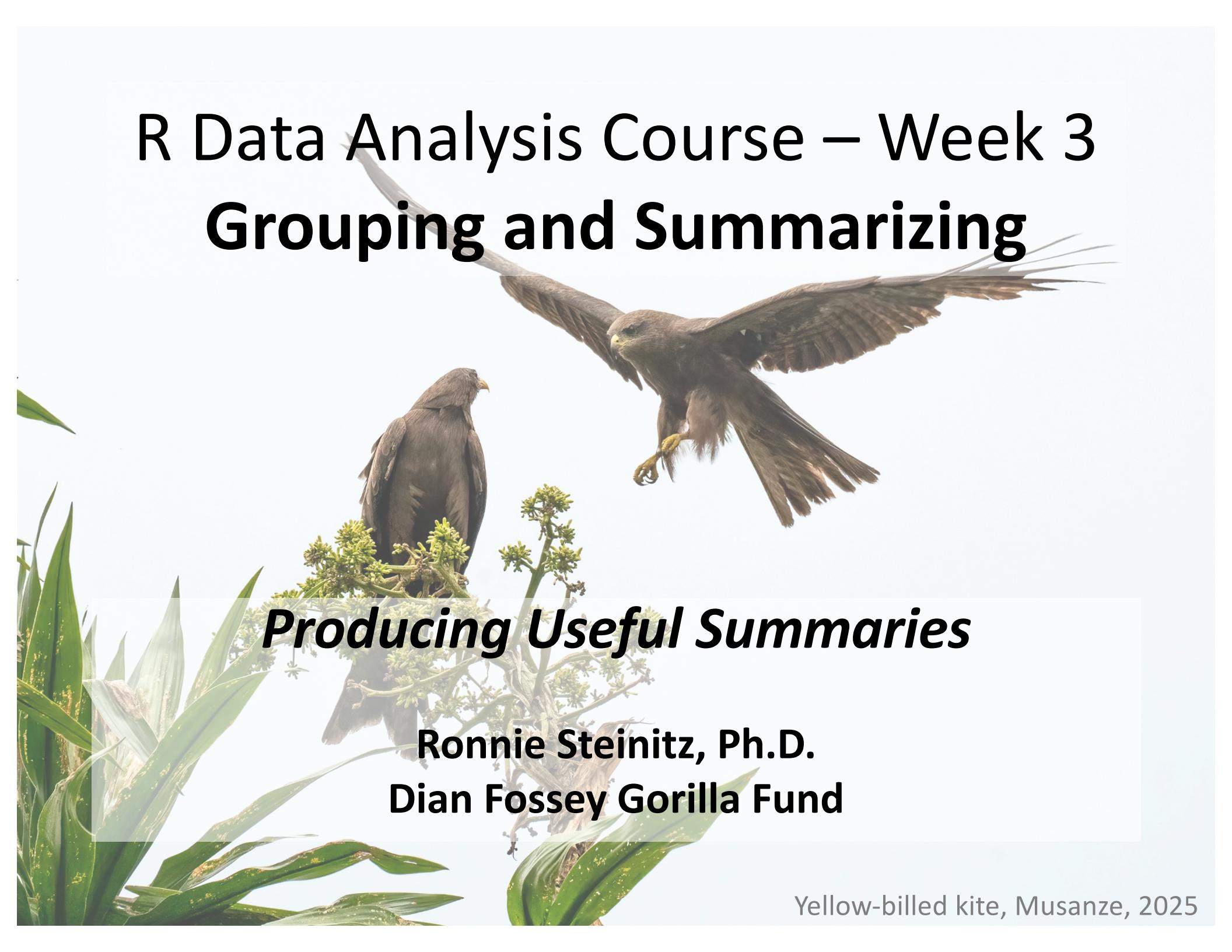


R Data Analysis Course – Week 3

Grouping and Summarizing



Producing Useful Summaries

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Grouping and Summarizing

- Collapse data into group-level summaries
 - means, counts, totals, etc.
- `group_by()` tells R how to split the data
 - e.g., by species, continent, or year
- `summarize()` defines what to compute for each group
 - e.g., `mean()`, `sd()`, `n()`
- Used together with the pipe (`%>%`) for clear, step-by-step logic

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animals %>%
  group_by(species) %>%
  summarise(mean_speed = mean(speed_mps))
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```
data = animals
```

species	speed_mps
Zebra	17
Lion	20
Hyena	14
Hyena	13
Gazelle	26
Lion	19
Zebra	18
Gazelle	23
Gazelle	25
Zebra	16
Lion	21
Gazelle	24
Hyena	15
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data = animals → group_by(species) → summarize(mean())

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mean = 17

mean = 24.5

mean = 20

mean = 14.5

species	mean_speed
Gazelle	24.5
Hyena	14.5
Lion	20
Zebra	17

Auto-arranged by species!

```
animals %>%
  group_by(species) %>%
  summarise(mean_speed = mean(speed_mps),
            max_speed = max(speed_mps),
            N = n())
```

data = animals



group_by(species)

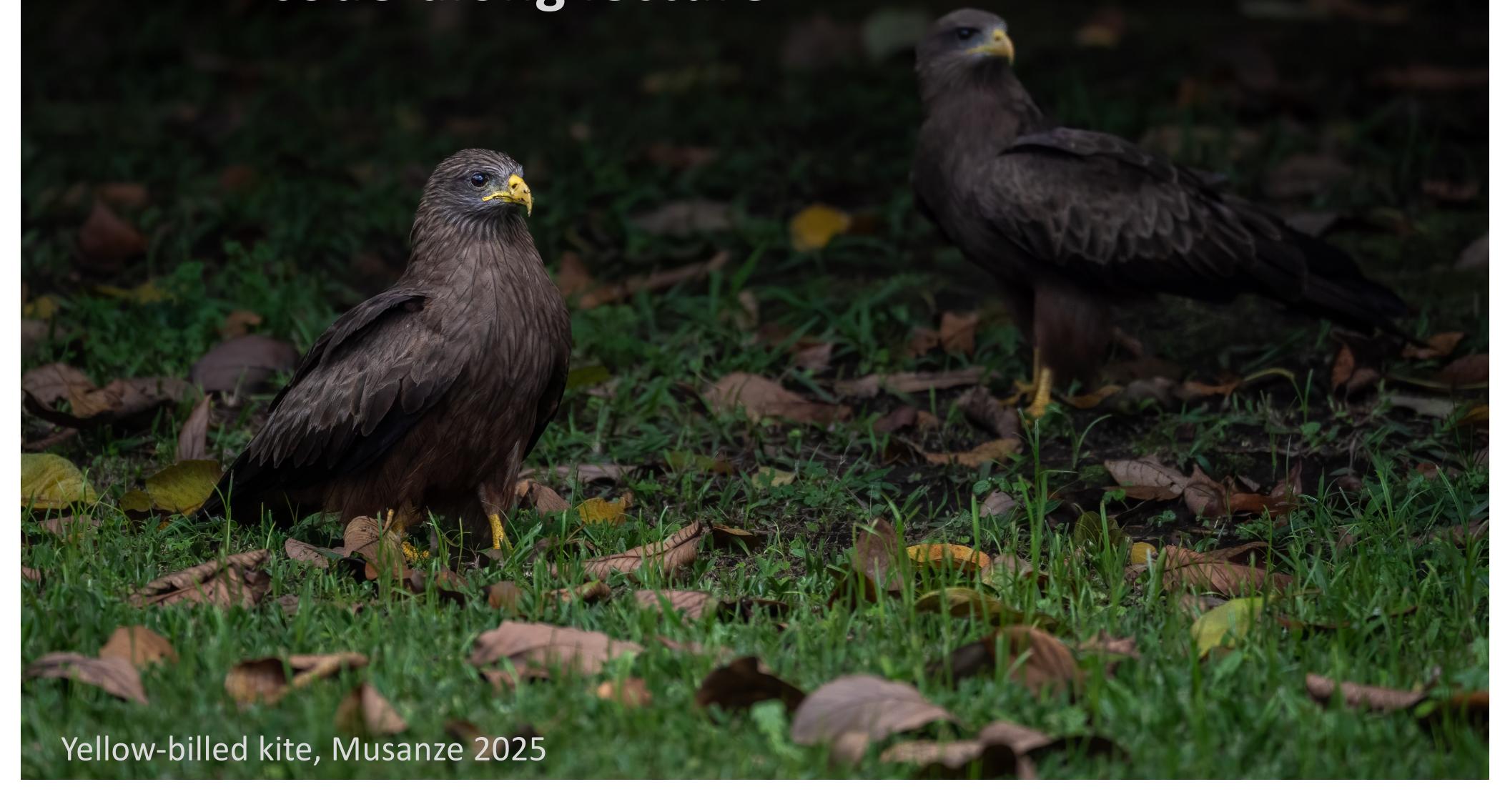
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summarize(mean(), max(), n())

species	mean_speed	max_speed	N
Gazelle	24.5	26	4
Hyena	14.5	16	4
Lion	20	21	3
Zebra	17	18	3

Skills Learning

code-along lecture



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Skills Application

laboratory exercise



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Week 3 - Skills Application

Download **Skills Application Instructions** from [Google Drive folder > Week 3](#)

If you are working on your own dataset:

- create a Markdown file which you will be using continuously and adding to each week.
- Name it: *Lastname_Firstname_Data.Rmd* in your **wd**.
Save **your own dataset** in your **wd**

If you are working on palmer_penguins raw dataset:

- create a Markdown file just for this week.
- Name it: *Lastname_Firstname_Week3.Rmd* in `/**Week 3**`

In your new Markdown file: Use code blocks (Ctrl+Alt+i) to load packages, import dataset into the environment, and save data as an object (e.g., `*data <-* `). Then follow *instructions*.