

# Enhancing Robustness in Bird Species Classification through Adversarial Training

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#### **Problem**



Objective: Develop robust and reliable bird species classification models resilient to adversarial attacks and maintain high accuracy in real-world settings.

#### **Key Points:**

- → Vulnerability of models to adversarial attacks.
- → Effectiveness of adversarial training in enhancing model robustness.
- → Comparative analysis of different models (InceptionV3, EfficientNetB3, WideResNet50) and attack scenarios (FGSM, BIM, PGD).

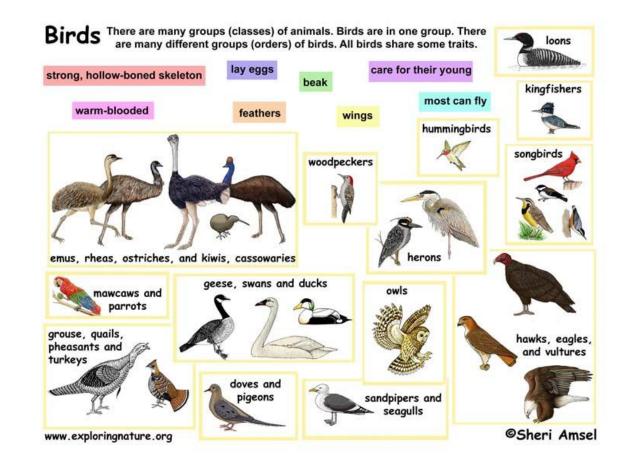


Fig 1: Exploring Nature Bird Classification

#### **Dataset**



525 bird species, with a total of **84,635** training images. Each species have 5 test images and 5 validation images, making up **2,625** images for each category.

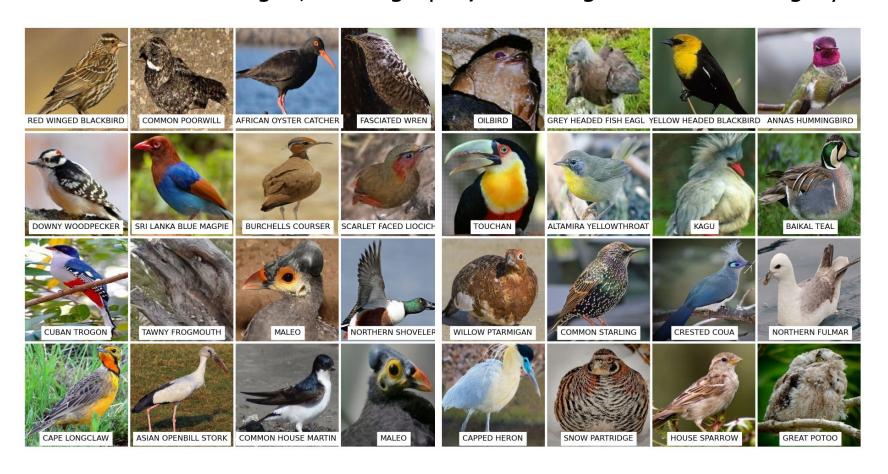


Fig 2: Birds 525 Species - Image Classification

### **Related Work**



- A CNN model classifies 525 bird species with 87% validation and 86.7% test accuracy using transfer learning and data augmentation.[1]
- discusses CNN architectures to enhance image classification performance on various datasets.[2]
- adversarial examples can fool classifiers even after physical transformations like printing and photographing, with simple methods proving more robust.[3]
- a saddle point formulation to train robust deep neural networks against adversarial attacks, which can be efficiently solved using first-order methods.[4]

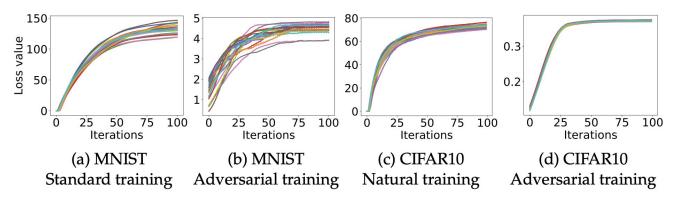


Fig 3: Natural and adversarial training on MNIST & CIFAR10 [4]

<sup>[1]</sup> Cai, R. (2023). Automating bird species classification: A deep learning approach with CNNs. Journal of Physics: Conference Series, 2664.

<sup>[2]</sup> Nguyen, A.H., & Pham, M.T. (2023). Enhancing Convolutional Neural Network Architectures with Long Short-Term Memory for Improved Image Classification. 2023 8th International Scientific Conference on Applying New Technology in Green Buildings (ATiGB), 227-232.

<sup>[3]</sup> Kurakin, A., Goodfellow, I.J., & Bengio, S. (2016). Adversarial examples in the physical world. ArXiv, abs/1607.02533.

<sup>[4]</sup> Madry, A., Makelov, A., Schmidt, L., Tsipras, D., & Vladu, A. (2017). Towards Deep Learning Models Resistant to Adversarial Attacks. ArXiv, abs/1706.06083.

# **Proposed Solution**



#### Our previous method:

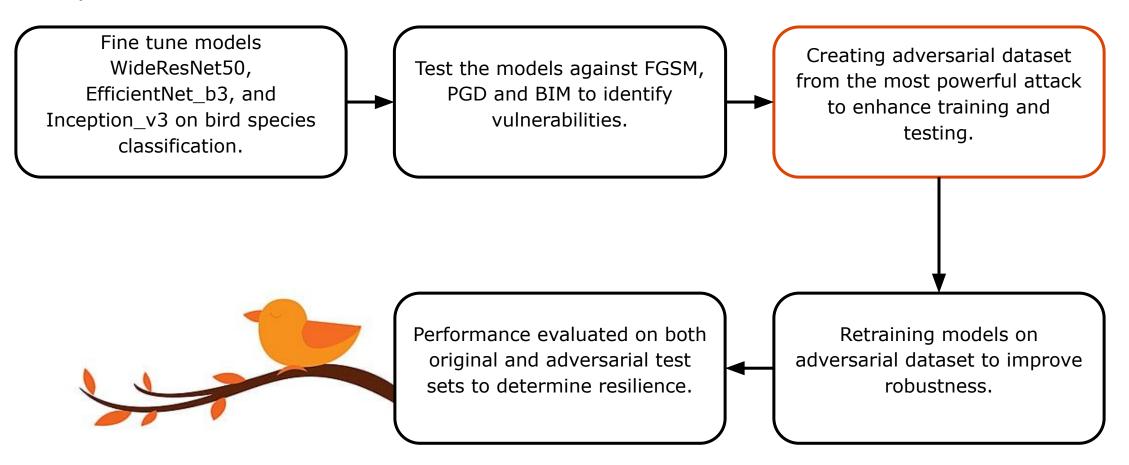


Fig 4: Block diagram of previous method

# **Current Approach**



#### Our new method:

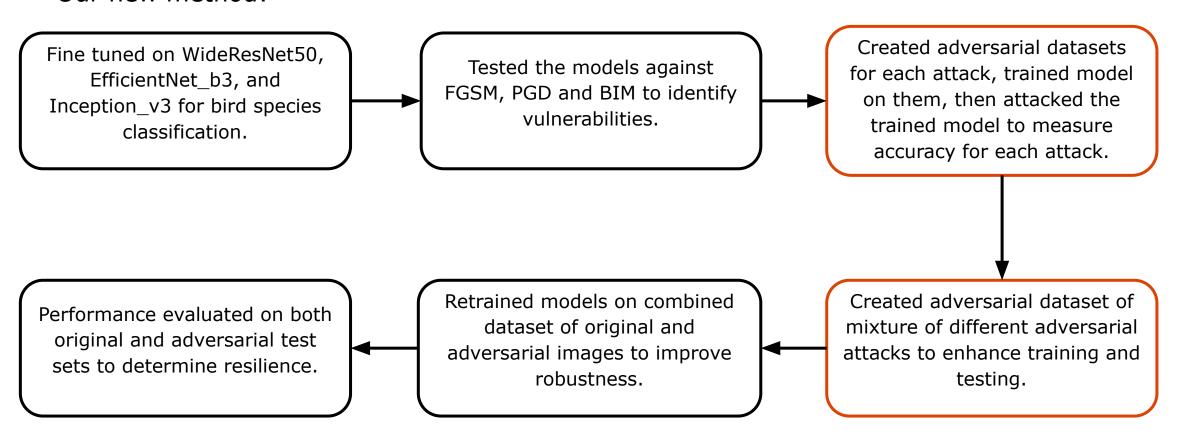


Fig 5: Block diagram of new method

# **Research Questions**



**RQ1:** Does adversarial training improve the robustness of neural network models against adversarial attacks in automated bird species classification?

**RQ2:** Does the integration of a combined dataset, encompassing examples from FGSM, PGD, and BIM adversarial attacks, affect the accuracy of the models?

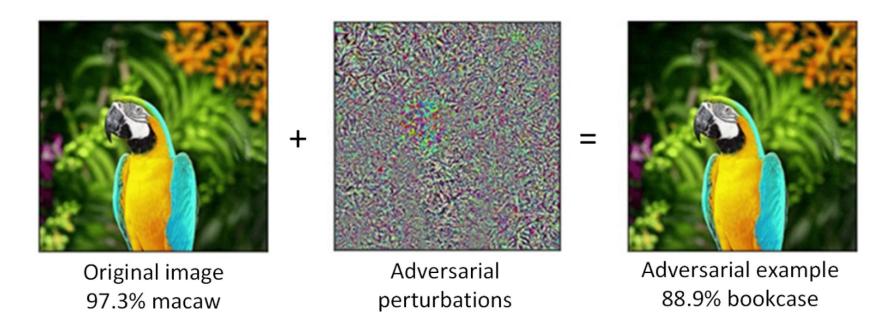


Fig 6: DNN provides the wrong prediction with high confidence by adding imperceptible perturbations to the original image [5]

# **Adversarial images**



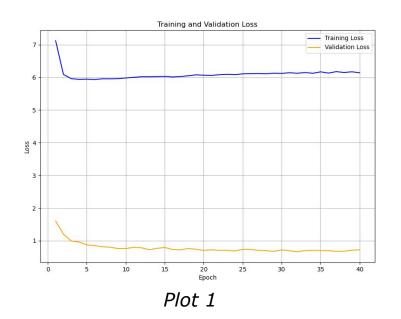
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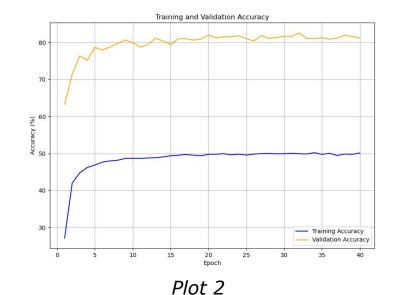
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Fig 7: Adversarial images from Bird 525 Image Classification



- InceptionV3 (Before adding adversarial images)





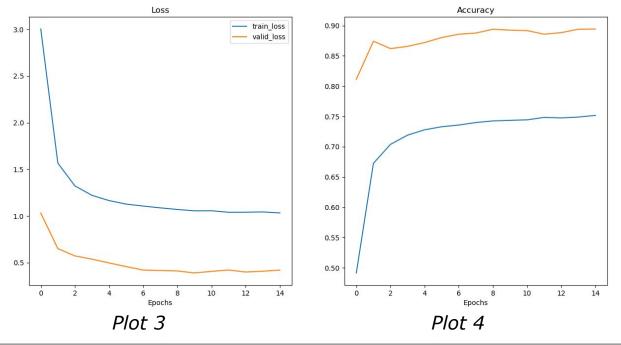
Precision	82.28%
Recall	81.83 %
F1 Score	82.07 %

Table 1

Attack	FGSM	PGD	ВІМ
Accuracy	11.04%	0.0%	0.0%



- EfficientNetB3 (Before adding adversarial images)



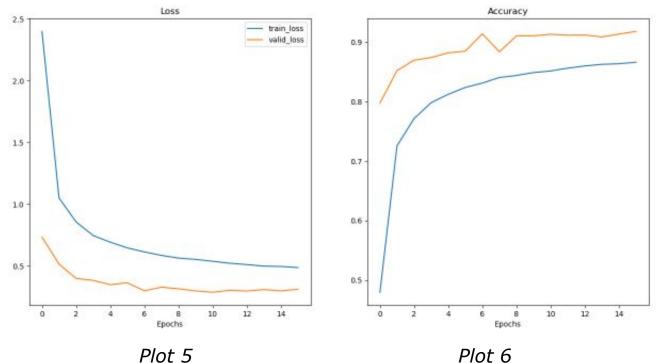
Precision	94.79 %
Recall	93.83 %
F1 Score	93.55 %

Table 3

Attack	FGSM	PGD	ВІМ
Accuracy	30.4%	0.0%	0.419%



WideResNet50 (Before adding adversarial images)



Precision	97.21 %
Recall	96.87 %
F1 Score	96.81 %

Table 5

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Attack	FGSM	PGD	вім
Accuracy	33.45%	0.0%	10.12%



		InceptionV3 (FGSM)	EfficientNetB3 (BIM)	WideResNet (PGD)
	Normal	87.66 %	98.93 %	98.70 %
Robust	FGSM	56.55 %	72.0 %	66.36 %
Accuracy	PGD	0.0 %	1.21 %	13.88 %
	BIM	0.0 %	21.25 %	71.88 %
Precision		90.83 %	99.15 %	98.95 %
Recall		87.66 %	98.93 %	98.70 %
F1 Score		87.40 %	98.91 %	98.66 %

		WideResNet
Robust Accuracy	Normal	98.17 %
	FGSM	69.96 %
	PGD	17.54 %
	BIM	78.78 %
Precision		98.53 %
Recall		98.17 %
F1 Score		98.14 %

Table 7 Table 8

# Discussion/Conclusion



- Automated bird species classification is crucial for ecology and conservation, but vulnerable to adversarial attacks. Adversarial training enhances model robustness.
- Through rigorous testing against FGSM, PGD, and BIM attacks, and by training on a combined dataset of original and adversarial images, we have enhanced the accuracy and resilience of models like WideResNet50, EfficientNet\_b3, and Inception\_v3.
- Adversarial dataset training significantly enhances model performance and resilience, with combined datasets further improving generalization capabilities.
- Our research highlights the critical need to address adversarial threats in deep learning development, fostering robust model enhancement across various fields.



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# Thank You

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