

Canada's Battle Against Car Theft: Progress Amid Persistent Challenges*

Government measures and public vigilance show promise, but organized theft networks remain a concern.

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1 Introduction

Car theft has long been a concern in Canada, but recent years have witnessed a dramatic surge in reported cases, driven by sophisticated theft operations. Criminal networks often target vehicles with advanced keyless entry systems, exploiting vulnerabilities in wireless technology. These stolen vehicles are frequently exported overseas or dismantled for parts, making recovery difficult.

In 2024, the Insurance Bureau of Canada reported a 19% reduction in theft claims during the first half of the year, attributed to increased law enforcement efforts and public awareness campaigns. Notable initiatives include the Canadian government's National Action Plan to Combat Car Theft, which emphasizes collaboration between federal agencies, law enforcement, and border security.

Despite these efforts, challenges persist. Border authorities continue to intercept stolen vehicles destined for international markets, and data suggests that many thefts remain unreported or unresolved. The fight against car theft in Canada highlights the need for continuous innovation, community cooperation, and robust legal frameworks to address this evolving crime. This article delves into the current state of car theft in Canada, recent government actions, and the ongoing challenges in combating this widespread crime.

Estimand paragraph

Results paragraph

*Code and data are available at: https://github.com/vanessady/Car_Theft.

Why it matters paragraph

Telegraphing paragraph: The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2....

2 Data

2.1 Overview

We use the statistical programming language R (R Core Team 2023).... Our data (Toronto Shelter & Support Services 2024).... Following Alexander (2023), we consider...

Overview text

2.2 Measurement

Some paragraphs about how we go from a phenomena in the world to an entry in the dataset.

2.3 Outcome variables

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Some of our data is of penguins (Figure 1), from Horst, Hill, and Gorman (2020).

Talk more about it.

And also planes (Figure 2). (You can change the height and width, but don't worry about doing that until you have finished every other aspect of the paper - Quarto will try to make it look nice and the defaults usually work well once you have enough text.)

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2.4 Predictor variables

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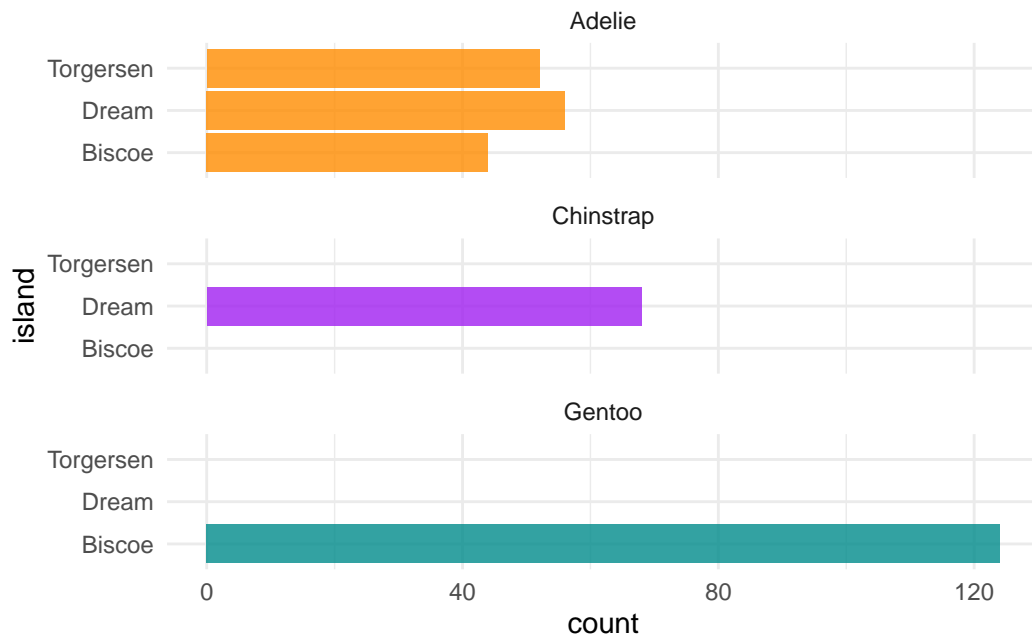


Figure 1: Bills of penguins

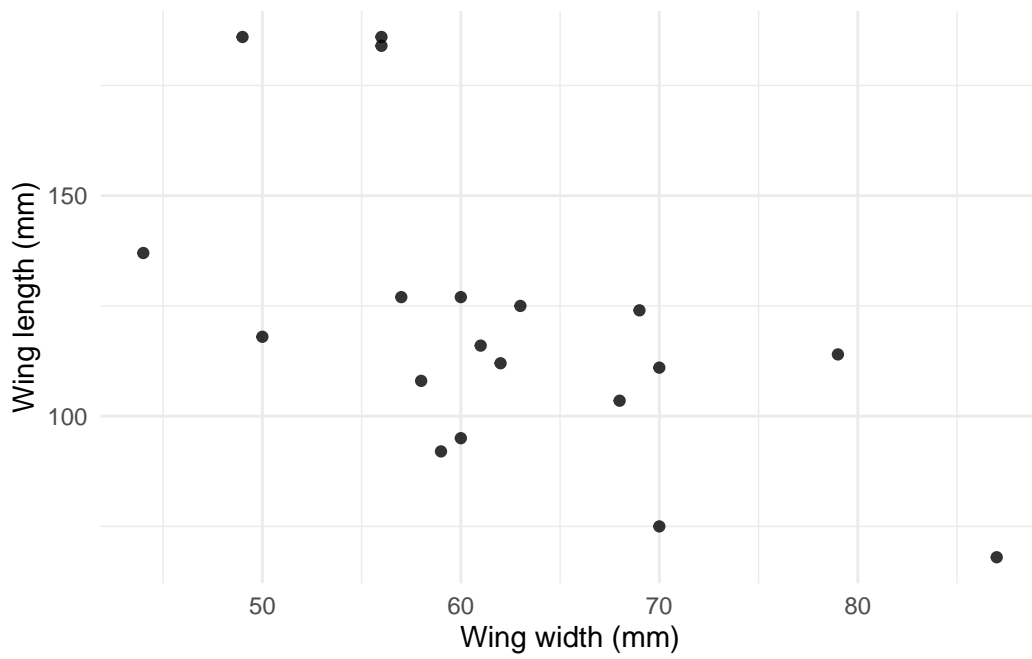


Figure 2: Relationship between wing length and width

3 Model

The goal of our modelling strategy is twofold. Firstly,...

Here we briefly describe the Bayesian analysis model used to investigate... Background details and diagnostics are included in [Appendix B](#).

3.1 Model set-up

Define y_i as the number of seconds that the plane remained aloft. Then β_i is the wing width and γ_i is the wing length, both measured in millimeters.

$$y_i | \mu_i, \sigma \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_i, \sigma) \tag{1}$$

$$\mu_i = \alpha + \beta_i + \gamma_i \tag{2}$$

$$\alpha \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2.5) \tag{3}$$

$$\beta \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2.5) \tag{4}$$

$$\gamma \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2.5) \tag{5}$$

$$\sigma \sim \text{Exponential}(1) \tag{6}$$

We run the model in R (R Core Team 2023) using the `rstanarm` package of Goodrich et al. (2022). We use the default priors from `rstanarm`.

3.1.1 Model justification

We expect a positive relationship between the size of the wings and time spent aloft. In particular...

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4 Results

Our results are summarized in [Table 1](#).

Table 1: Explanatory models of flight time based on wing width and wing length

	First model
(Intercept)	1.12 (1.70)
length	0.01 (0.01)
width	−0.01 (0.02)
Num.Obs.	19
R2	0.320
R2 Adj.	0.019
Log.Lik.	−18.128
ELPD	−21.6
ELPD s.e.	2.1
LOOIC	43.2
LOOIC s.e.	4.3
WAIC	42.7
RMSE	0.60

5 Discussion

5.1 First discussion point

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5.2 Second discussion point

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5.3 Third discussion point

5.4 Weaknesses and next steps

Weaknesses and next steps should also be included.

Appendix

A Additional data details

B Model details

B.1 Posterior predictive check

In Figure 3a we implement a posterior predictive check. This shows...

In Figure 3b we compare the posterior with the prior. This shows...

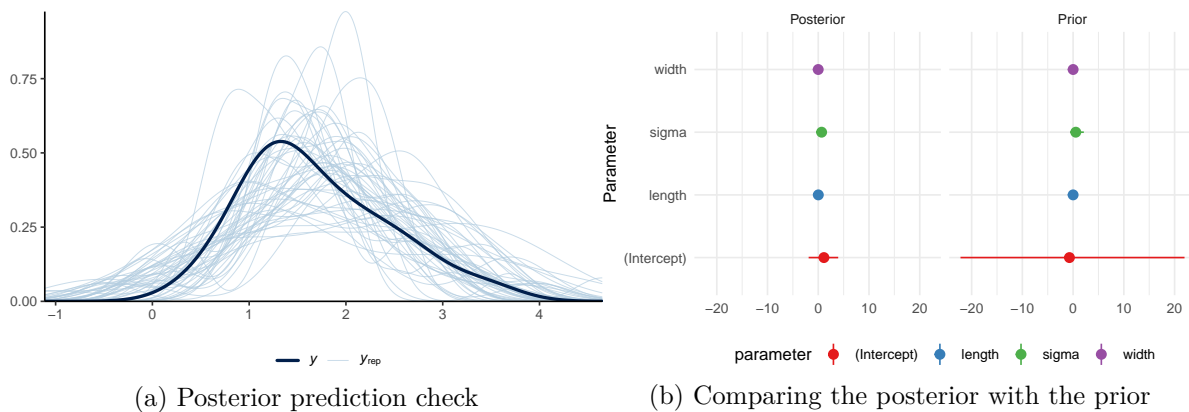


Figure 3: Examining how the model fits, and is affected by, the data

B.2 Diagnostics

Figure 4a is a trace plot. It shows... This suggests...

Figure 4b is a Rhat plot. It shows... This suggests...

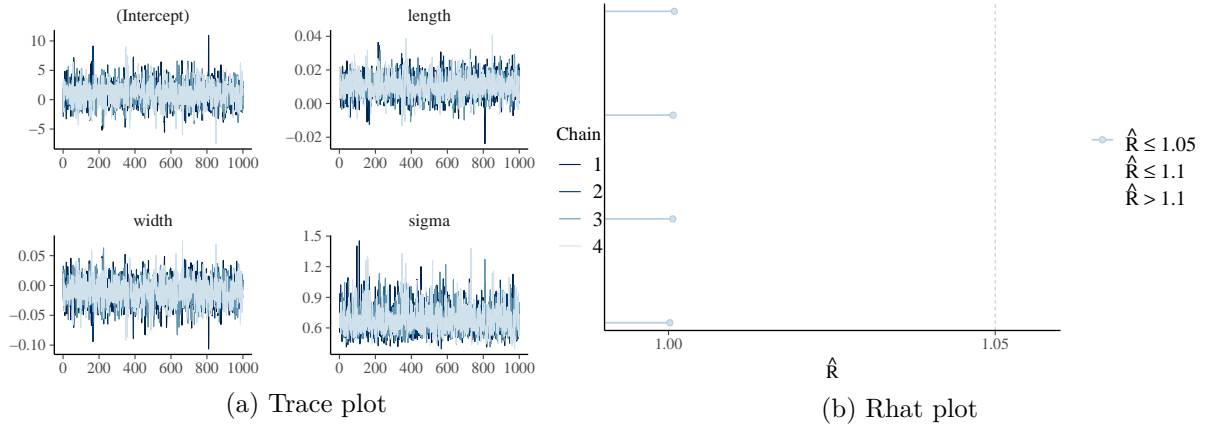


Figure 4: Checking the convergence of the MCMC algorithm

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