

Wildlife Image Processing  
& Semantic Search  
System V2

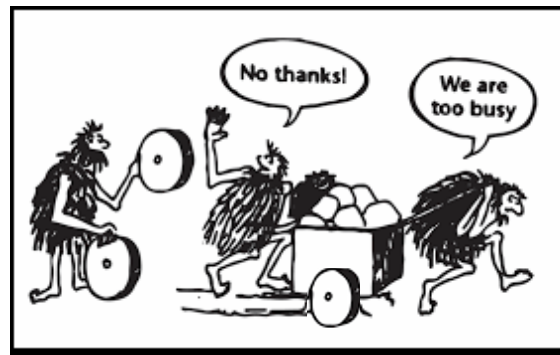
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**Brown Bear**

Confidence: 0.738

mammalia, carnivora, ursidae, ursus, arctos, brown bear



**American Bison**

Confidence: 0.9952

mammalia, cetartiodactyla, bovidae, bison, bison, None, american bison



**Owl**

Confidence: 0.322

aves, strigiformes, owl



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**Brown Bear**  
Confidence: 0.718  
mammalia, canidae, ursidae, ursus, arctos, brown bear



**American Bison**  
Confidence: 0.982  
mammalia, cetartiodactyla, bovidae, bison, bison, bison, bison, american bison



**Great Horned Owl**  
Confidence: 0.922  
avis, strigiformes, great horned owl





# Project Goals



- Boost accuracy and improve species identification through multi-model AI (LangGraph, embeddings, SpeciesNet).
- Enhance images using OpenCV to improve quality before analysis.
- Lay the groundwork for training models using my own wildlife images.
- Make services and tools accessible to everyone.
- Protect what matters by addressing privacy concerns for wildlife and locations.





# Tag Responsibly

Protecting Wildlife Through Mindful Labeling and Geotagging



- Generalize locations for sensitive areas — e.g., “Yellowstone, Boulder, etc.” instead of exact GPS coordinates.





# Tag Responsibly

How it Fits in the New Architecture



- Desktop Application (Standalone Container for the Application).  
Protecting IP and wildlife from unnecessary exposure.
- Cloud (AI + Data Access for Species & Geospatial Data Model).



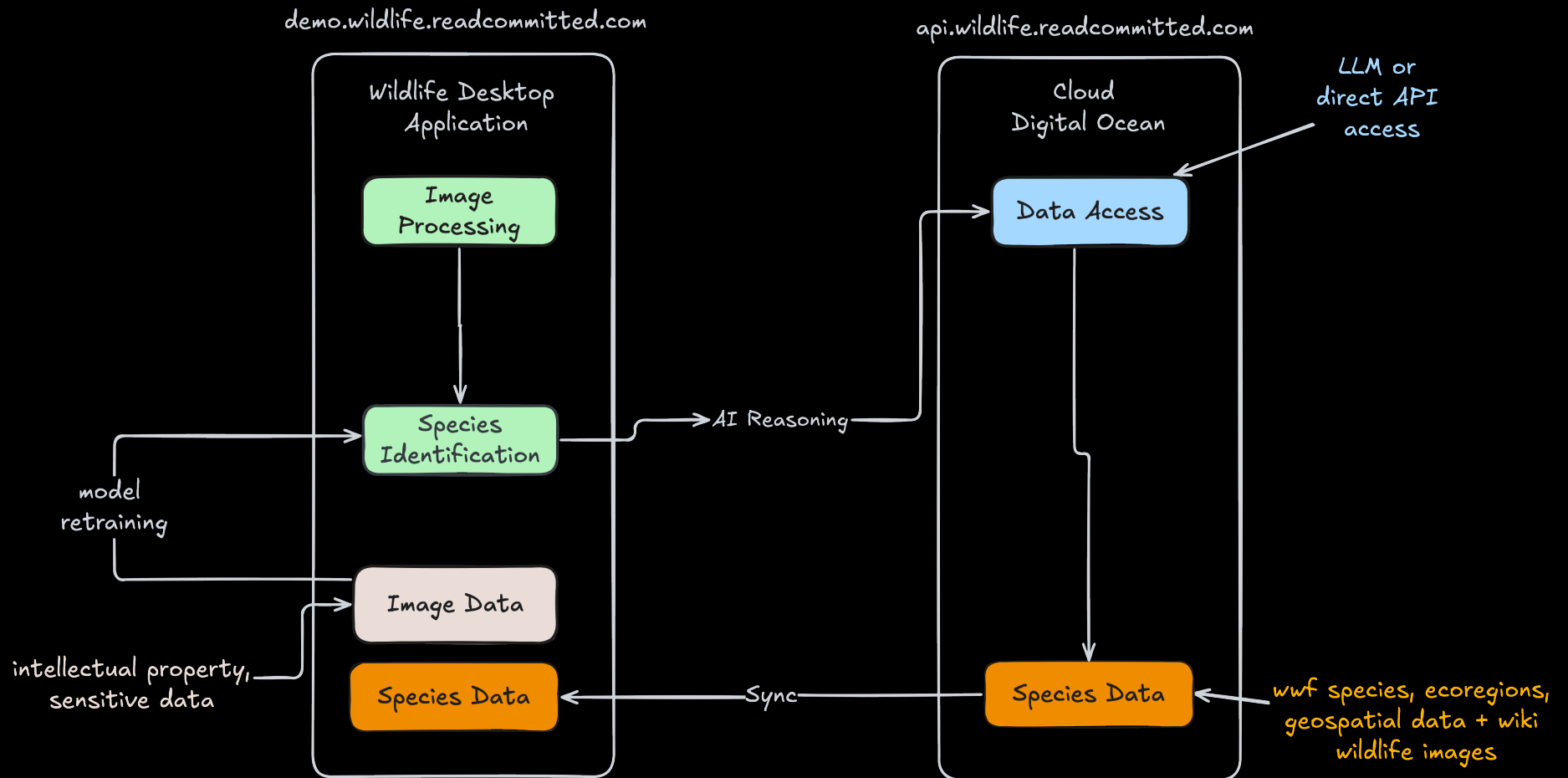


# The Architecture

Under the hood



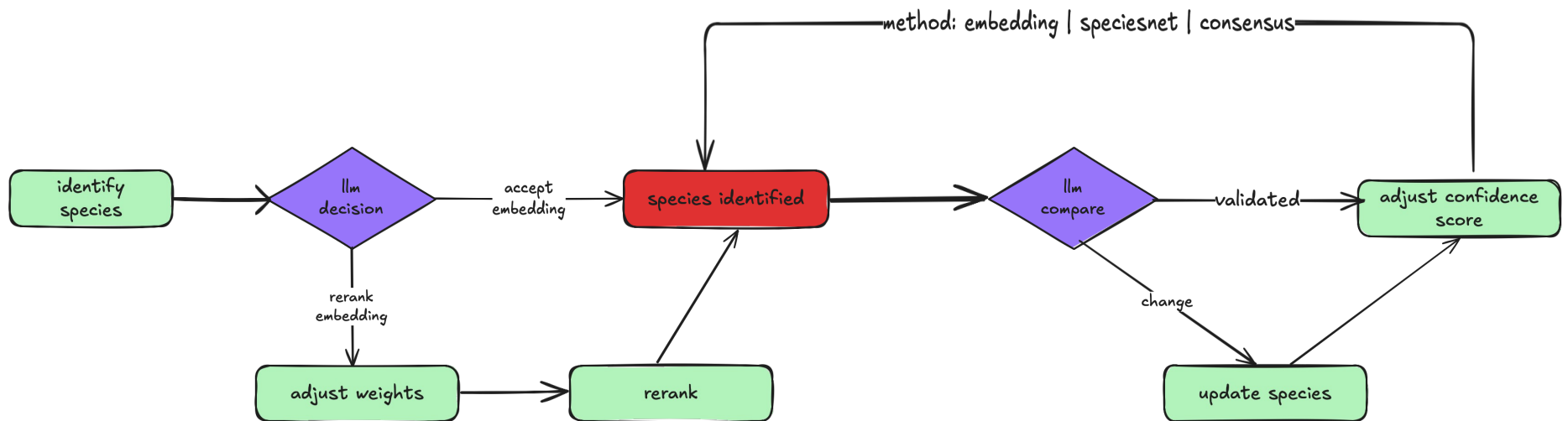
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# AI Species Identification

Multi-Model Species Identification and Arbitration



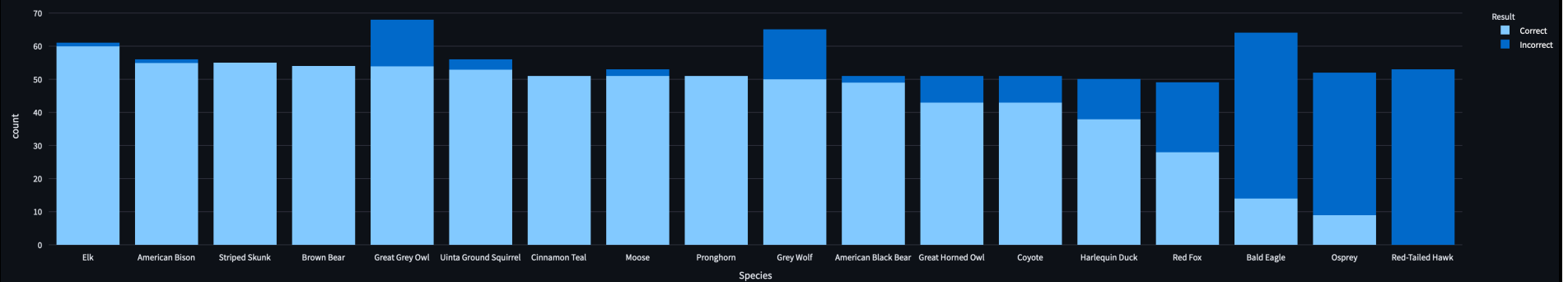


# Clip Embedding Analysis



Accuracy: 758 / 991 = 76.49%

Prediction Outcomes by Species



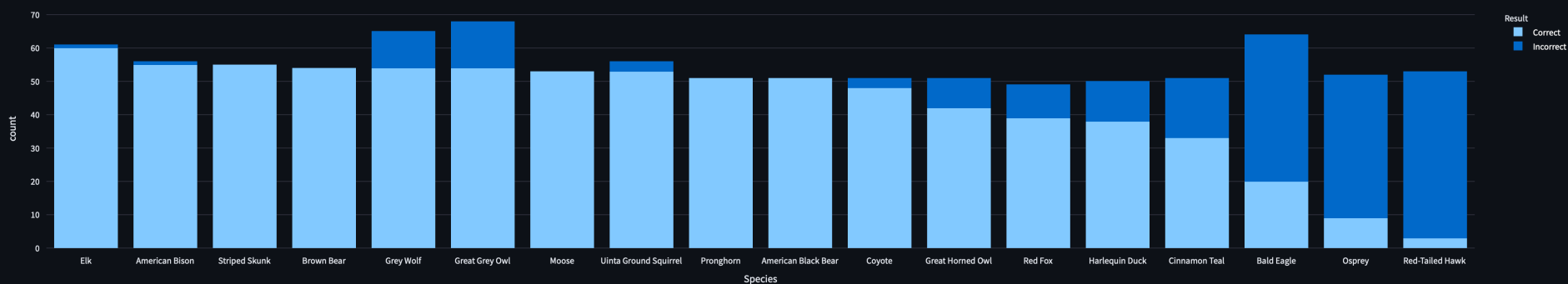


# Multi-Model Analysis



Accuracy: 772 / 991 = 77.90%

Prediction Outcomes by Species





A DeLorean Time Machine is shown on a wet, rainy street at night. The car is silver and has a glowing blue aura around it. In the background, a lightning bolt strikes a pole, creating a bright flash. The street is wet and reflects the lights. There are trees and buildings in the background, including one with signs for 'RECORDS', 'COFFEE', and 'SANDWICHES'.

How do we achieve 88 MPH?

Photo: DeLorean Time Machine, 2025: <https://www.delorean timemachines.com/>





# >89% Accuracy

*Custom-trained SpeciesNet Model on 450+ images*

*[demo.wildlife.readcommitted.com](https://demo.wildlife.readcommitted.com)*





# From Project Goals to Results



- Deployed to cloud, exposed APIs & LLM, containerized desktop application
- 30% -> 60% -> 80% accuracy (embeddings + SpeciesNet + LangChain)
- Built color palette for each species and Estimated relative size using camera properties
- Fine-tuned SpeciesNet on my photos Delivering > 89% accuracy
- IP stays local in within desktop application, Cloud holds only generalized, shareable insights





Q&A

