

# Using deep learning to recognize individual animals in images

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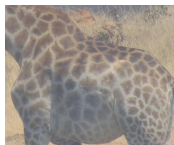
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# Animal re-identification

- **Objective:** Determine the identity of an animal from an image.



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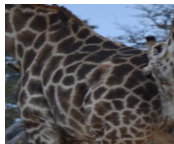
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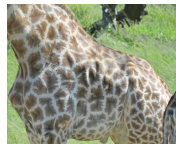
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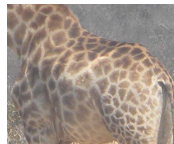
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# Challenges

- Research in animal re-identification lacks a standardization.



stripespotter

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StripeSpotter.zip	StripeSpotter v2.1 MacOS 10.8 <span>OpSys-OSX</span>	Mar 4, 2013	17.51MB
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## iPanda-50

The iPanda-50 dataset consists of 6,874 images of 50 giant panda individuals with 49 ~ 292 images per panda. The iPanda-50 dataset is used for fine-grained panda identification and it was proposed in [Le Wang, Rizhi Ding, Yuanhao Zhai, Qilin Zhang, Wei Tang, Nanning Zheng, and Gang Hua, "Giant Panda Identification", IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, 2021](#). In case you do not have convenient access to IEEE Xplore, the preprint PDF can be accessed [here from Github.io](#) or [here from xjtu.edu.cn](#). If you find this dataset helpful in your research, please consider citing this publication.

```
@ARTICLE{Wang21Giant,
  author={Le Wang and Rizhi Ding and Yuanhao Zhai and Qilin Zhang and Wei Tang and Nanning Zher Journal={IEEE Transactions on Image Processing},
  title={Giant Panda Identification},
  year={2021},
  volume={30},
  pages={2837-2849},
  doi={10.1109/TIP.2021.3055627}}
```

This dataset can be downloaded as ZIP files from the following URLs. Some filenames of the JPG images contain UTF-8 characters, please enable proper encoding while reading these files.

- (Not recommended):** single zip file, requiring client software) [Baidu NetDisk/Wangpan 百度网盘](#) Extraction code 提取码: ohln File Size: 885.8M  
The 'iPanda-50.zip' file contains three folders, i.e., "iPanda50-images", "iPanda50-split", "iPanda-50-eyes-labels".  
*Note: Baidu NetDisk/Wangpan service may require a [client software \(Baidu Netdisk\)](#) installed on your machine before allowing you to download. If you prefer not to install any software, please try the alternative download links as follows.*
- (Recommended):** 3 ZIP files, direct download links) Please download all three ZIP files for the images, train/test split settings and the additional eye annotations, respectively.

Files	File Size	MD5 checksum	Download Servers
iPanda50-images.zip	883M	46727b709139ad3396491f9c11eefba	<a href="#">[Google Drive]</a> , <a href="#">[Dropbox]</a> , <a href="#">[MS OneDrive]</a>
iPanda50-split.zip	137M	64926e6f2344d9347402d0736f4e2e	<a href="#">[Google Drive]</a> , <a href="#">[Dropbox]</a> , <a href="#">[MS</a>

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- **Baseline approach for general animal re-identification.**

# WildlifeDatasets + WildlifeTools + MegaDescriptor = ❤️



*Animal re-identification datasets at hand.*



*Tools for inference and fine-tuning.*



*One model to suit them all.*



# WildlifeDatasets – Easy access to animal re-id datasets

- **Core feature:** Access to 33 datasets (and growing) in a standardized form.

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```
1 from wildlife_datasets import datasets
2
3 datasets.StripeSpotter.get_data("data/StripeSpotter")
4 metadata = datasets.StripeSpotter("data/StripeSpotter")
```

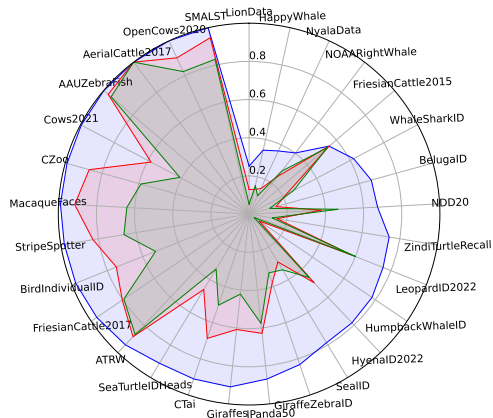
# WildlifeTools – Accessible feature extraction and matching

- **Core feature:** User-friendly API for animal re-identification.
  - Fine-tuning, local descriptors, pre-trained deep models, matching, etc.

```
1 from wildlife_tools.data import FeatureDatabase
2 from wildlife_tools.inference import KnnMatcher
3
4 model = timm.create_model("model_path", pretrained=True).eval()
5 database = FeatureDatabase.from_file("database_file")
6 query = model(transforms(Image.open("./query_img.png")).unsqueeze(0))
7 KnnMatcher(database)([query])
8 >>> ["id_george"]
```

# MegaDescriptor - One model to suit them "all"

- *"Foundational"* model for animal re-identification.
- *Decent* performance across a wide range of species.
- *Good* model for fine-tuning on any species.



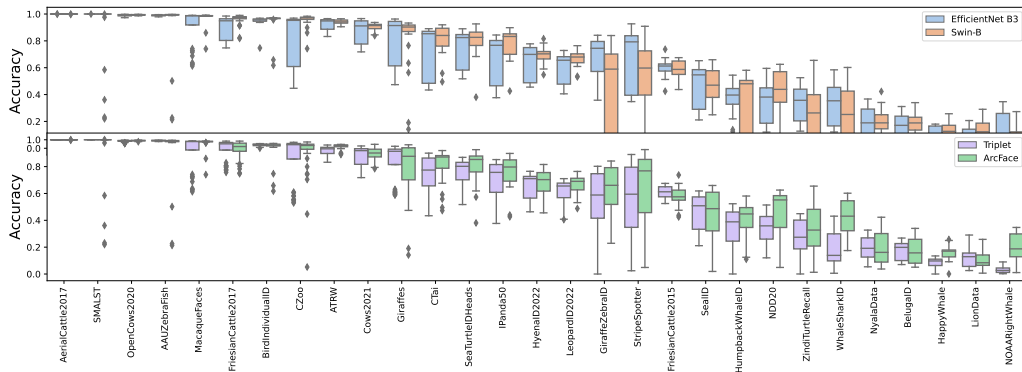
MegaDescriptor-L – Swin-L/p4-w12-384

DINOv2 – ViT-L/p14-518

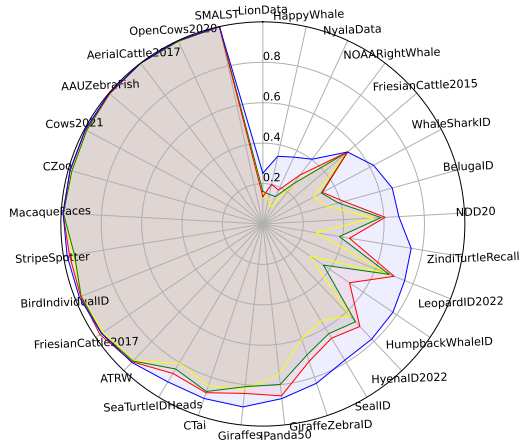
CLIP – ViT-L/p14-336

# MegaDescriptor – Model selection and methodology

- Trained on 253,811 images and 30,275 identities.
- Based on Swin transformer architecture.
- Optimized with ArcFace loss.



# MegaDescriptor – Flavors



- MegaDescriptor-L – Swin-L/p4-w12-384
- MegaDescriptor-B – Swin-B/p4-w7-224
- MegaDescriptor-S – Swin-S/p4-w7-224
- MegaDescriptor-T – Swin-T/p4-w7-224

# Future work

- Large datasets for animal re-identification
- Matching left and right sides of animals



# Thank you for your attention

## Questions?

WildlifeDatasets



WildlifeTools

