

# *Vulpes Cana*

- **Scientific Name:** *Vulpes cana*
- **Common name:** Blanford's fox
- **Arabian Name:** الثعلب الافغاني
- **Scientific classification:**
  - Kingdom: Animalia
  - Phylum: Chordata
  - Class: Mammalia
  - Order: Carnivora
  - Family: Canidae
  - Genus: *Vulpes*
  - Species: *Vulpes cana*

- **Distribution:**

Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, NE Iran, Pakistan.

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- **Localities:**

Al Mujib Biosphere Reserve, Dana Biosphere Reserve, Petra, Wadi Rum, Jabal Masouda.

- **Diagnosis:**

Ears large and hairy without black tips. Long white hair on the anterior border of ear and margins of ear white. The long and bushy tail terminates with a black tip. Weight 1 kg. Head and Body length 434 mm. Tail 380 mm. Fore arm 158 mm. Ear 90 mm. Hind foot 98 mm. Hind foot pad 12 mm. Fore arm pad 14 mm. Footpads not covered by hair. Colour greyish. Muzzle with distinct black markings.



- **Status:**

(Vulnerable) that depends on the IUCN Red List.

- **Feeding:**

The diet of this fox is mainly insectivorous as well as frugivorous.

- **Human interaction:**

Because local people do not differentiate between the different species of fox, the three species, including Blanford's fox, are treated as pests. Foxes are hunted and poisoned by farmers for attacking poultry and damaging grapes and other fruit crops.

