

▶ Photo of the Month



Ramadan and Eid Basket

The nature shop at Wild Jordan offers you a unique gift from nature this Ramadan, a basket full of hand-made natural goodies that vary from Energy Bar nuggets, Dana Herbs & Teas, Jams & Dried fruits to hand-made Arabic coffee cups.

Visit the nature shop or call us at:

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▶ Did You Know?

Did you know that Jabal Umm Ad-Dami on Jordan's southern border is the Kingdom's highest point at 1,854 meters (6,083 feet)?

▶ BioBit



Asian Barbastelle
(*Barbastella leucomelas*)

The Asian Barbastelle was first recorded in Jordan in the Jebel Masuda proposed protected area in 2008 after an extensive survey was carried out by RSCN and collaborators. Habitat destruction and disturbance are the major threats to this desert-dwelling species, which is endemic to the southern Levant and Sinai.

World Environmental News

Antarctic Ice Expanding Despite Warming World

While Arctic sea ice continues to disappear due to global warming, sea ice at the opposite pole has actually been expanding for decades. A new study explains this paradox and predicts it will soon reverse. We are honored to partner with you on behalf of nature and we look forward to another year of news, facts, milestones, member profiles...and progress.

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Local Environmental News

Environmentalists Hope for Greener Politics in Jordan

When it comes to politics in Jordan, environmental issues often take a back seat to issues such as health care and education. That may be changing, as concerned citizens are increasingly voicing their hope for greener policies.

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RSCN News

Rare Fox Flourishing in Proposed Protected Area

The locally threatened Blanford's fox has been found in unexpectedly high numbers in Jabal Masouda, a proposed protected area in southern Jordan. The presence of the fox lends further support for preserving the 300km2 site.

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Regional Environmental News

Syria and Turkey Bond Over Birds

The latest beneficiary of warming relations between Syria and Turkey? The rare northern bald ibis. Turkey recently donated six birds to a struggling colony in Syria in hopes of boosting the population.

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Owls Unite Arab Farmers in Palestine, Israel and Jordan

Known for his work with birds and other feathery friends Prof. Yossi Leshem of Tel Aviv University is showing how nature can provide the best medicine — not only for pest problems, but also for diplomacy.

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Take Action

Fast from Consumerism

While Muslims across the world fast from food and drink during Ramadan, some believers are also abstaining from another staple in today's world: consumerism. The "Buy-Nothing Ramadan Pledge" aims to increase appreciation of material blessings and to embrace a less-is-more mindset.

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Go Greener!

To cool your home or office, be sure to keep blinds, shades, and drapes closed during the hottest parts of the day.



WILDLIFE PROFILE
BLANFORD'S FOX



Blanford's fox (*Vulpes cana*) is small desert fox found in mountainous regions throughout the Middle East and southwest Asia. The fox is active at night, emerging from its den to search for food – usually insects or fruits – shortly after sunset.

It uses its thick, furry tail, short legs, and sharp, curved claws to help navigate the steep, rocky mountain slopes that it inhabits. Although formerly thought to be limited to Wadi Mujib, Wadi Rum, and the Dana Reserve in Jordan, a relatively large population was recently discovered by RSCN researchers in Jabal Masouda, a proposed protected area in southern Jordan (see article above). Blanford's fox in Jordan is threatened by habitat loss and hunting, as it is often mistaken for the similar and ubiquitous red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*).

