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Photo of the Month



Roller (*Scilla hyacinthoides*)

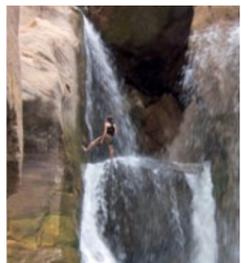
This species gets its name from the aerial acrobatics performed during courtship or territorial flights. They feed on a wide range of terrestrial invertebrates, frogs, lizards rodents and young birds.

Did You Know



Did you know that Cuckoo uses the nests of other birds? They tend to push out the egg of the host, then lay their eggs and fly off – all in about 10 seconds!

BioBit



History of Protected Areas in Jordan

Mujib was established in 1987 over an area of 212 Km². The reserve was identified as an Important Bird Area (IBA), wetland area and recently was announced as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. Surveys indicate that the reserve contains over 300 species of plants, 10 species of carnivores, and numerous species of resident and migratory birds.

Upcoming Events & Occasions

22 May
International Biodiversity Day

June
Wild Weekly Weekends Trips

RSCN events in 2012

Have Your Say

Send us your questions, comments or even photos to:
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Go Greener!

Artificial lighting accounts for 44% of electricity use in office buildings. Make it a habit to turn off the lights when you're leaving any room for 15 minutes or more and utilize natural light when you can.



Together, We Can Help People Help Nature



Hisham Al-Dhissat
Mujib Biosphere Reserve Manager

On behalf of all the staff of Mujib I am honored to write a few words regarding the Mujib Biosphere Reserve in this special electronic issue. I am pleased to present our readers with our most important goals, the fundamental features and functions of the reserve as well as our future aspirations.

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RSCN News

Streets, Businesses and Homes went Dark to Raise Awareness of Climate Change

Over 1,000 people lit candles and marched down a darkened Rainbow Street on the night of March 31st for the annual Earth Hour, calling for a nationwide reduction of electricity use.

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"Striving for a Better Tomorrow in Mujib"

People gathered in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to celebrate the designation of Mujib Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO.

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Adventure Season Opens at Mujib Biosphere Reserve

RSCN has announced the opening of the adventure season at the Mujib Biosphere Reserve, a popular hiking and camping destination that is home to high-altitude summits and waterfalls. The reserve closes to visitors for safety reasons during winter, due to flash floods and rising water levels in its valleys and trails, and starts receiving adventure seekers in spring.

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RSCN Celebrated Earth Day with Amman National School

RSCN celebrated Earth Day with Amman National School in a joint event including number of environmental organizations like: Al-Shajarah, Green Building Council, Entity Green, EDAMA, and others.

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Local Environmental News

In Celebration of World Water Day, We Visited Souf and Ein Rahoub Springs

The Public Action Project, a USAID project that aims to help promoting water and energy conservation and preservation behaviors in Jordan, planned two trips: first to Souf's town in Jerash, second to Rahoub and Al Moghayyer in Irbid.

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World Environmental News

\$300 Billion a Year Needed to Save Biodiversity

Saving biodiversity will cost the world \$330 billion a year over the next eight years, according to the UN Convention of Biological Diversity's new chief. An Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study in 2009 put the costs of taking no action at between \$2 trillion and \$4.5 trillion every year.

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wild weekly weekends

Craving adventure but dreading all the planning? Let Wild Jordan do all the work and be assured you're getting the best deal for your money. The best part is that we take care of it all.

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May 2012	3rd - 4th Dana Biosphere Reserve Campsite & White Dome Trail 45 JD RSCN members 51 JD non-members	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5th Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail			
	11th Mujib Biosphere Reserve Canyon Trail 39 JD RSCN members 36 JD non-members	Fri	Sat	
	12th Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail			
	17th - 18th Ajloun Forest Reserve Bungalows & Prophet Trail 48 JD RSCN members 56 JD non-members	Thu	Fri	Sat
	19th Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail			
	25th Mujib Biosphere Reserve Malaqi Trail 38 JD RSCN members 41 JD non-members	Fri	Sat	
	26th Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail			
	31st - 1st June Mujib Biosphere Reserve Chalets & Canyon Trail 56 JD RSCN members 64 JD non-members	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2nd June Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail			

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