

# The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature

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## Photo of the Month



### A Peak into the Hyrax World!

Early in the morning, just after running into a wild hare, a flock of Chukar Partridge and a family of Nubian Ibex, I had the pleasure of joining two of RSCN's rangers. Slowly but surely, we approached the Hyrax stronghold. It was a great sight, females and their children were sunbathing on some of Dana's most beautiful rock formations.

Mr. Mohammad Asfour  
RSCN Member

### Did You Know!



Did you know that two color morphs of the Mountain Tulip (*Iris atrofusca*) were found to inhabit the Yarmouk Nature Reserve? These are the black and the rare yellow morph!

### BioBit



### History of Protected Areas in Jordan

Yarmouk Nature Reserve was established in 2010 to protect a representative sample of the Deciduous Oak Forest in Jordan. The reserve holds the presence of several species of fauna and flora such as the Stone Marten and Orchids. The main challenges in Yarmouk Nature Reserve are: Over-grazing, Soil erosion, Wood cutting, Hunting, expansion of agricultural lands and random tourism, RSCN is preparing integrated management plan to solve this threats in participatory way with local communities.

### Upcoming Events & Occasions

9 August  
**Ramadan Iftar Trip with Orphans**

August  
**Wild Weekly Weekends Trips**

### RSCN events in 2012

### Have Your Say

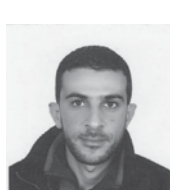
Send us your questions, comments or even photos to:  
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## Go Greener!

1 liter of water is wasted every 10 seconds from a running tap. Turn it off when brushing teeth or shaving.



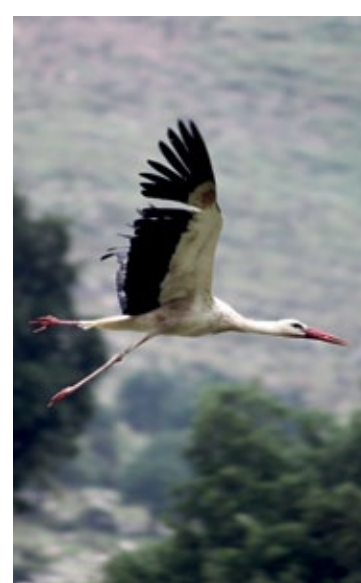
Together, We Can Help People Help Nature



**Ali Sbaihah**  
Yarmouk Nature Reserve  
Manager

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature established Yarmouk Nature Reserve by implementing "The Integrated Ecosystem Management Project" in the Jordan Rift Valley in 2007. Yarmouk was officially declared a nature reserve by the Jordan Government on January 2010.

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## RSCN News

### Scores of Wild Animals Rescued from Illicit Trade

Inspectors from RSCN and the Rangers rescued scores of wild animals and birds, including some endangered species, from the black market in June.

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### No Hidden Agendas Behind Yarmouk Reserve

Jordan's leading environment watchdog on Sunday denied claims that hidden agendas were behind the establishment of the Yarmouk Nature Reserve in the Kingdom's northern region.

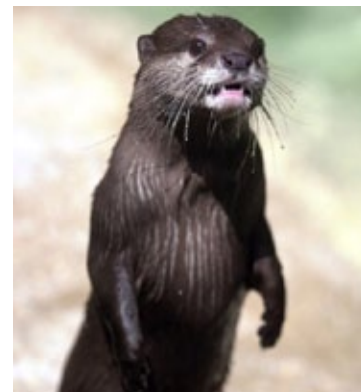
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### Search for Otters to Begin Soon

Conservationists will start soon surveying the country's permanent surface water sources to identify whether otters still inhabit Jordan.

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### Endangered Wild Cat Discovered in Jordan

Conservation efforts are underway to ensure the survival of a rare wild cat captured on camera in Jordan's Dana Biosphere Reserve. The caracal was last spotted in Jordan in 1995 and the species was thought to have disappeared.

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### Photo Exhibition about Environmental Elements in Wadi Araba

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature held a photo exhibition based on the photography book "Wadi Araba - The Good Land".

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### Conservation of Syrian Serin in Dana Biosphere Reserve

The Research and Survey section at The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature gave a lecture for the public about the "Conservation of Syrian Serin in Dana Biosphere Reserve".

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## World Environmental News

### Rio+20 and the Arab World: 'Our Leaders Have Failed Us'

It's been over a fortnight since the Rio+20 summit which was supposed to look at sustainable development (and in later years 'sustained growth' – something which is very different) whimpered to an end.

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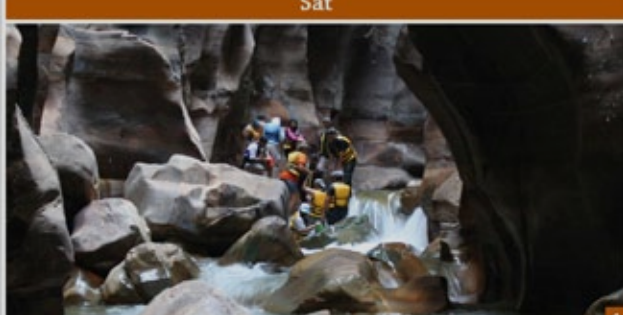
## wild weekly weekends

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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August 2012

**4th**  
Mujib Biosphere Reserve – Siq trail  
19 JD RSCN members  
22 JD non-members



**11th**  
Mujib Biosphere Reserve – Siq trail  
19 JD RSCN members  
22 JD non-members



**24th**  
Dana Biosphere Reserve  
Rummana Campsite & White Dome Trail  
50 JD RSCN members  
56 JD non-members



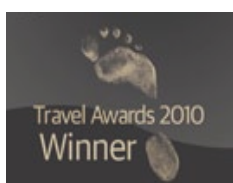
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