

Canis Aureus

- **Scientific Name: Canis Aureus**
- **Common name: Golden Jackal**
- **Scientific classification:**
 - Kingdom: Animalia
 - Phylum: Chordata
 - Class: Mammalia
 - Order: Carnivora
 - Family: Canidae
 - Genus: Canis
 - Species: C.aureus

- **Distribution:**

N and E Africa, south to Senegal, Nigeria , and Tanzania, SW Asia; SE Europe; Iran; Afghanistan; S Asia to Thailand, include Sri Lanka.



- **Localities:**

Azraq Nature Reserve, Wadi Rum, Lubban, Al Hazim, Inbeh, New records. Al Baqourah, Ash shawbak, Jabal masuda, Qatar Protected Area, Yarmouk Protected Area.

- **Diagnosis:**

Smaller than *C. lupus*. Skull length up to 175 mm. Head dog-like in shape.

Tail short and with black tip. Ear small, covered with long hair externally. Fur color dorsally light brown, with a dark stripe running from the nose to the tip of the tail.



- **Status:**

(Least Concern) that depends on the IUCN Red List.

- **Habitat:**

Canis Aureus prefers habitat with cover and avoids open areas.

- **Feeding:**

Jackal feed on several items of small animals (rodents, hares, birds,..... etc).as well as vegetable matter.

- **Human interaction:**

The Jackal is becoming rare species in Jordan due to the continuous eradication of feral dogs and wolves by poisoning or shooting. Jackal population started to decline 40-50 years ago.