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 then 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.