

# *Red fox*

- **Scientific Name:** *Vulpes vulpes*

- **Common name:** Red fox

- **Arabian Name:** الثعلب الاحمر

- **Scientific classification**

- Kingdom: Animalia
- Phylum: Chordata
- Class: Mammalia
- Order: Carnivora
- Family: Canidae
- Genus: *Vulpes*
- Species: *V.vulpes*

- **Distribution:**

Europe and continental Asia except the tundra; N India and peninsular Indochina; Japan; Palearctic Africa; N America; introduced in Australia.

- **Localities:**

Aqraba, Ash Showbak, Azraq, Al Jafer, between ma'an and Wadi Al Hassa, Irbid, Jawa, Jarash, Al Ramtha, Jordan Valley, Al Karak, Madaba, Wadi Arabah, Az-Zarqa, Dana Nature Reserve, Deir Al Kahf, Al Dahek, Sabkhat Al-Hazim. Ajlun, Dibeen Forest Reserve.

- **Diagnosis:**

Largest fox .Snout pointed with prominent large bluntly pointed ears. The tip of each ear is brown, back of ear black or grayish black in color. the anterior edge of the ear is covered by white hair that extend backwards. A black spot is usually located on each side of the muzzle. Tail tip usually white. Black mark on the fore leg. The Red Fox coloration varies from brown, light brown to red-yellow, with a very dark ventral side.



- **Habitat:**

The Red Fox is considered by far the most common wild Canid in Jordan. It inhabits all biotopes and perhaps is considered as a pioneer species in newly



established cultivated areas in the desert. It quite common in Wadi Arabah and Ar Ruwayshid. The Red Fox is known to feed on small rodents, small birds and reptiles as well as figs. grapes and other fruits.

- **Remark:**

This is a very adaptable carnivore that can inhabit all types of habitats. It was observed in many areas of Jordan especially in the northern parts of the country.

