

# *Wolf*

- **Scientific Name: Canis lupus**
- **Common Name: Wolf**
- **Arabian Name: الذئب**
- **Scientific classification**
  - Kingdom: Animalia
  - Phylum: Chordata
  - Class: Mammalia
  - Order: Carnivora
  - Family: Canidae
  - Genus: Canis
  - Species: Canis lupus

- **Status:**

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

- **Distribution:**

Throughout the N hemisphere: North America south to in Oaxaca (Mexico); Europe; Asia, including the Arabian Peninsula and Japan, excluding Indochina and S India. Extirpated from most of the continental USA, Europe, and SE China and Indochina.



- **Localities:**

Previous records. Aqaba, Um Al-Quttan, Wadi Araba, Abu Ansser, Ma'an, Reishah, Wadi Finan, Wadi Rum, Ajlune, Azraq, New Records. Ash Shawbak, Fifa Protected Area, Humrat Ma'in Special Conservation area, Jabal Masuda, Qatar Protected Area, Wadi al Mujib, Yarmouk Protected Area.

- **Diagnosis:**

Largest Canide. Similar to *Canis aureus*, but larger, heavier build and with a more upright posture. Body robust and head large. Legs strong and long. Tail long and with brush. Pale yellowish in colour. Fur in general shorter than of *C. aureus*, with elongated hair on the mid dorsum forming a dark crest along the back. Skull large, Hair on ears shorter than in *C. aureus*.



- **Habitat :**

Grey wolves are one of the most wide ranging land animals.in the Middle East, the Wolf avoids extreme desert habitats. The Wolf is a more agile and a well adapted species than the Jackal. Verbal records from the black lava desert require validation.

- **Human interaction:**

Similar to the Jackal, the Wolf is a persecuted animal and is considered an endangered species. The villagers fear the Wolf. It attacks their sheep flocks and many stories indicated that it attacked humans. Poisoned carcasses are frequently used to kill the Wolf, unfortunately, many other carnivores are subsequently found dead.

