

▶ Photo of the Month



Worm Snake

(*Typhlops vermicularis*)

A slender snake species that inhabits the Mediterranean eco-zone of Jordan, living under stones in areas with damp soil. It preys on insect larvae and ants and when handled it attempts to sting with a small spine at the end of its tail.

▶ Did you Know

Did you know that Jordan is one of the ten most water-scarce countries in the world?



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Sand Cat

(*Felis margarita*)

A small, elegant Felidae species, this nocturnal predator feeds primarily on birds, hares, and reptiles. It is a near-threatened species according to the IUCN Red List. In Jordan the sand cat has been recorded in Burqu' area in the eastern desert.

Go Greener!

Save money and conserve water by shortening your showers. Every minute you shave off saves 5-10 liters of water!



World Environmental News

Global Warming's Silver Lining

We've all read about the dire consequences of global climate change, but what are the overlooked benefits? A new study suggests that some areas – among them Canada and Russia – will experience economic booms thanks to a warmer world.

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Climate Risks Greater for Long Distance Migratory Birds

Birds embarking on long distance migrations are more vulnerable to shifts in the climate than ones making shorter journeys, a study suggests. Scientists say the increasingly early arrival of spring at breeding sites in Europe makes it harder for the birds to attract a mate or find food. The researchers warn that the «increasing ecological mismatch» can lead to a decline in bird populations.

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Local Environmental News

Jordan's Wolves Under Threat

Jordan's already-dwindling population of wolves is increasingly facing the double threat of hunting and poisoning, which is leading to a "huge reduction" of this ecologically-important species.

[Find out more](#) ▶



RSCN News

Discovery of New Species in Dibeen

The importance of the Dibeen Forest Reserve as a biodiversity hotspot continues to grow as RSCN researchers discovered several species for the first time ever in Jordan during a study at the reserve.

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Green Adventures on Jordan's Nature Trails

Royal Jordanian's in-flight magazine Royal Wings highlights the family-friendly eco-adventure offered by the hiking trails in RSCN reserves, naming them among the best in the world.

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Take Action

This October, Celebrate Animals!

Join in the celebration of World Animal Day (WAD) this October 4th, which marks the 79th anniversary of the event. Check out ideas on how you can get involved and take this special day to support animals.

[Celebrate WAD](#) ▶



WILDLIFE PROFILE

SAKER FALCON



The Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*) is large, powerful raptor that breeds in Eastern Europe and Asia and spends the winter in Africa, western China and the Arabian Peninsula. It boasts a wingspan of over one meter and hunts for food – usually small mammals, rodents, or birds – in open landscapes by using rapid acceleration and spectacular agility to capture prey with its sharp, curved talons.

The Saker Falcon has been categorized as "Vulnerable" due to plummeting numbers internationally. It is especially at risk in its Asian breeding grounds where it faces threats of habitat destruction, poaching, and harmful agricultural chemicals. In Jordan, the Saker Falcon is a highly prized bird of prey, often caught for falconry and used to hunt the Houbara Bustard, another locally and internationally threatened bird.

