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Photo of the Month



Linnet

(*Carduelis cannabina*)

Linnets are seed-eaters birds and considered as a resident and migrant species in Jordan. Adults of this species are characterized by the presence of a red color on the forehead and breasts. Several threats are affecting its population but mainly changes in agricultural practices, including the use of pesticides and fertilize are the main causes of its decline.

Did you Know



Did you know that Fifa, Qatar and Jabal Masouda are the three new reserves RSCN is working to launch in 2011?

BioBit



Black Iris

(*Iris nigricans*)

An elegant endemic plant species, and considered threatened to Jordan due to habitat degradation. It is characterized by its black color and it can be found in marginal lands and mountains of Amman, Madaba and Karak. This species is the national plant species to Jordan.

Upcoming Events

World Wetlands Day 2011 event in Azraq Wetland Reserve

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Go Greener!

Save water and take your car to the car wash instead of washing it at home



Together, we can help people help nature

Local News

Celebrating the International Year of Forests with Plans to Cut Down 2200 Trees

Barely one month into the International Year of Forests, Jordan reveals plans to build a new military academy in Bergesh Forest in Ajloun, home to centennial evergreen trees and a wide range of flora and fauna, some of which are rare and endangered.

[Learn more](#)

Fighting back for the future of our forests, NGOs and concerned citizens use social media to voice their objections to the project's planned destruction of thousands of trees.

[Get involved](#)

[Sign this petition to add your voice to countless others calling for the protection of our beloved trees](#)



World Environmental News

Green Jobs to Counter Financial Crisis

Many jobs that were lost in the financial crisis are not going to come back. The good news, however, is that green jobs in the US and all over the world can generate millions of dollars in low carbon and sustainable industries.

[Learn more](#)



Regional News

Personal Mission to Restore Wetlands

One Iraqi shows that biodiversity is everybody's business. Taking nature conservation into his own hands, Azzam Alwalsh restores Iraq's wildlife and wetlands through "Nature Iraq," an organization he established to protect his country's natural heritage.

[Read more](#)



RSCN News

Birds of a Feather

Two unlikely figures flew into New Mexico's Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge last November on the occasion of the Festival of the Cranes. Two RSCN staffers share their adventure as they seek to exchange knowledge with a US bird refuge that is similar in nature to Jordan's own Azraq Wetlands Reserve.

[Learn more about their exciting visit](#)



Take Action

World Wetlands Day 2011

February 2nd marks World Wetlands Day, so let's pay tribute to Jordan's very own Azraq Wetland Reserve! Located in the Eastern desert, this oasis is a major stopover station for migratory birds on the African-Eurasian flyway, making our little oasis as important to the rest of the world as it is to us. Despite its global importance, our wetlands are degrading rapidly, and we are all playing a role.

[Find out more about our wetlands' plight](#)

[Know more about World Wetlands Day](#)



Partnership to Protect Nature

Believing in the importance of an alliance between the private sector and those in charge of environmental issues, The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature strives to involve the private sector in conserving the environment. In this spirit, RSCN and Arab Bank have begun an ongoing collaboration towards building an enduring partnership.

After a fire broke out in Azraq Wetland Reserve in October 2009, RSCN's rehabilitation plans to rejuvenate the different habitats started with the Arab Bank voluntary action program. Staff from Arab Bank worked hand in hand with a team from Azraq to rehabilitate the wetlands by expanding the existing body of water, which is the original – and only – habitat in the world for the Azraq Killifish. The rehabilitation work also created a suitable environment for migratory birds and restored large parts of the wooden walking trail for tourists. Working together, with little time lost, Arab Bank and RSCN made sure the reserve was ready to open its gates and once again receive visitors.

When asked about what inspired Arab Bank's involvement, Executive Vice President Dina Shoman said, "Environmental protection and nature conservation is a subject that is dear to Arab Bank; we are committed to the environmental health of our community, and this aspect of the Together Program allows our employees to directly participate in the protection of Azraq Wetland Reserve." RSCN Director Yehya Khaled concurred, "Our partnership with Arab Bank has had a positive effect on protection programs in the reserves, especially in Azraq Wetland Reserve. We hope that this cooperation will be a stepping stone towards other such partnerships that will bring evermore support to the environment."



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