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Photo of the Month



Caspian Terrapin (*Mauremys rivulata*)

Although its Arabic name suggests it inhabits freshwater areas, this species can also withstand polluted water. It is the only species of its family in Jordan and was recorded in several places such as the Yarmouk river and Berket Elaraies. It is a carnivorous species and feeds on invertebrates, amphibians and carrions.

Did You Know



The black flying fox in common with the other fruit bats lacks the ability to echolocate.

BioBit



History of Protected Areas in Jordan

Fifa was declared a protected area in 2011. It covers an area of 25km². It is considered the lowest reserve on earth with an elevation of -420m below sea level and is characterized by the presence of two vegetation types: the tropical and saline vegetations. Several faunal and floral species inhabit this area such as the toothbrush trees, caracal and the Egyptian Spiny-tailed Lizard.

Upcoming Events & Occasions

31 Mar
Earth Hour

April
Wild Weekly
Weekends Trips

Have Your Say

Send us your questions, comments or even photos to:
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Go Greener!

Rather than use synthetic air fresheners to mask an unpleasant odor, find the source of the odor, and clean it up. Then open the windows for fresh air.



Together, We Can Help People Help Nature

RSCN News

Owl Baseline Survey in Dibeen Forest Reserve

Dibeen Forest Reserve represents the core area of Dibeen forest which extends over 60 km² of mountainous terrain which is dominated by pine and oak trees.

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Quail Hunting Season Began on February 15

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) said the hunting season for quails began on February 15 and continues through the end of April.

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ASEZA Signed an Agreement with RSCN Regarding the Aqaba Bird Observatory

The Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) signed an agreement with The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) regarding the Aqaba Bird Observatory, which is part of an important Bird Area. This area is known to attract large numbers of migratory water birds, raptors and passerines especially during spring and autumn migration.

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Dana Biosphere Reserve in Jordan is an Ecotourism Oasis in the Desert

Standing atop a slope of black rubble, the folds of a red-and-white-checked kaffiyeh shading his chestnut eyes from the high Jordanian sun, eco-guide Mohammad Daifallah surveys his world.

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Regional Environmental News

In the Steps of Ancient Elephants

Around seven million years ago, a herd of bizarre, four-tusked elephants crossed the desert that stretched over what is now the United Arab Emirates. Thirteen of the behemoths plodded along together, perhaps moving towards one of the wide, slow rivers which nourished stands of trees in the otherwise the arid region.

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World Environmental News

Tiny Lizards Found in Madagascar

One of the world's tiniest lizards has been discovered by keen-eyed researchers in Madagascar. The miniature chameleon, *Brookesia micra*, reaches a maximum length of just 29mm. German scientists also found a further three new species in the north of the island. The lizards were limited to very small ranges and scientists are concerned they could be at risk from habitat disturbance.

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wild weekly weekends

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
15th - 16th Dana Biosphere Reserve Guesthouse & Shaq Al Reesh Trail 58 JD RSCN members 64 JD non-members			
17th Azraq Village Biking Tour*			
22nd - 23rd Mujib Biosphere Reserve Chalets & Ibex Trail 50 JD RSCN members 56 JD non-members			
24th Azraq Village Biking Tour*			
29th - 30th Ajloun Forest Reserve Cabins & Orjan Trail 54 JD RSCN members 60 JD non-members			
31st Azraq Village Biking Tour*			

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