

## Photo of the Month



### False-Horned Viper (*Pseudocerastes persicus*)

A venomous snake species which was recorded in the Shaumari Wildlife Reserve, as well as other areas in Jordan. It has a unique color that mimics the black rock - found at the eastern desert of Jordan - and enables this species to feed and hide.

#### Did You Know!



Did you know that one of the best places to study rodent communities using owl pellets is located in Shaumari Wildlife Reserve since it provides a suitable habitat for several owl species!

#### BioBit



### History of Protected Areas in Jordan

Shoumari Wildlife Reserve was established by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) in 1975 to secure a viable habitat for re-introducing the extinct Arabian Oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*) species to Jordan. In addition, it holds the presence of other captive programs for threatened species such as Goitered Gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*) and the Syrian Onager.

*Shaumari Wildlife Reserve is currently closed for renovation*

### Upcoming Events & Occasions

6-7 September  
[Trip to Dana Biosphere Reserve](#)

September  
[Wild Weekly Weekends Trips](#)

[RSCN events in 2012](#)

### Have Your Say

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## Go Greener!

Our Planet is in Danger!

Do not damage birds' nests, do not burn trees, and do not pollute water.



Together, We Can Help People Help Nature



**Ashraf Elhalah**  
Shaumari Wildlife Reserve Manager

Shaumari Wildlife Reserve is located in the heart of the Jordanian eastern Badia about 120 km to the east of Amman. The reserve was established in 1975 under a project financed jointly by The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

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### RSCN News

## Endangered African Monkeys Seized from Aqaba Pet Shop

Authorities recently seized three globally endangered African monkeys from a shop in Aqaba. Inspectors from the Rangers, the Jordan Customs Department and the RSCN found the monkeys in a shop whose owner was displaying them for sale.

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## New Guide Seeks to Create 'Water Education' Among Students and Teachers

The guide includes results of RSCN's water education projects, it aims at raising awareness on the need to protect such vital ecosystems.

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## A Recommendation to Close Chukar and Partridge Birds Hunting Season for This Year

The wildlife commission recommended to close Chukar and Partridge birds hunting season this year due to recurrent droughts affecting the kingdom and rain shortage.

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## How Green Are the Valleys

Famed for its dramatic desert scenery, Jordan boasts natural beauty of a wholly different kind: lush orchids and olive groves and flowering meadows.

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### Local Environmental News

## Environmentalists Irate After Abdali Developer Permitted to Remove over 750 Trees

A group of environmental societies on August 15th urged the government to withdraw its approval of a request by an investment company to uproot hundreds of trees from central Amman.

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### World Environmental News

## Does Global Warming Cause Severe Weather? "Global Weirdness"

Based on their understanding of how the climate system works, scientists expect that a warming Earth should see more and more episodes of weather extremes such as droughts, floods, heat waves and severe storms.

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## Birds Hold 'Funerals' for Dead

Scientists have discovered that when Western Scrub Jays encounter a dead bird, they call out to one another and stop foraging. The jays then often fly down to the dead body and gather around it.

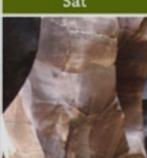
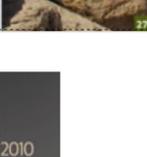
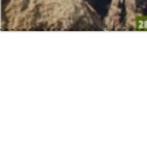
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## wild weekly weekends

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>6th - 7th</b> Dana Biosphere Reserve Rummana & White Dome Trail 44 JD RSCN members 50 JD non-members			
<b>8th</b> Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail*			
<b>13rd - 14th</b> Mujib Biosphere Reserve Chalets & Canyon Water Trail 56 JD RSCN members 64 JD non-members			
<b>15th</b> Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail*			
<b>20th - 21st</b> Ajloun Forest Reserve Bungalows & Prophet Trail 47 JD RSCN members 56 JD non-members			
<b>22nd</b> Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail*			
<b>27th - 28th</b> Dana Biosphere Reserve Guesthouse & Shaq al Reesh Trail 51 JD RSCN members 56 JD non-members			
<b>29th</b> Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail*			

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