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Photo of the Month



Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*)

Ferruginous Duck is a highly threatened species according to the IUCN. It is considered a scarce passage migrant to Jordan, and can be found in open areas with several water pools such as Azraq, Al Karameh Dam, and Aqaba Bird Observatory.

Did You Know!



Did you know that a three year rehabilitation plan was established for the ABO in order to enhance vegetation structure through removing invasive alien species! This will indeed enrich bird's species visitors to the site!

BioBit



History of Protected Areas in Jordan

The RSCN has recently taken on the management of the Aqaba Bird Observatory (ABO) after a memorandum of understanding with Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority. It is considered an important site to attract migratory birds during the migration season. Up to 200 species of birds have been recorded to date including endangered species like the Ferruginous duck, and about six rare species to Jordan - a first in Jordan. These species include the Egyptian Goose.

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Go Greener!

Do not be late in repairing the taps and pipes because they are leaking water.



Together, We Can Help People Help Nature



Feras Rahahleh
Aqaba Bird Observatory
Manager

At the Aqaba Bird Observatory (ABO) we receive flocks of birds coming from Europe, Asia and Africa every migration season.

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RSCN News

Fuel Price Hikes Put Forest Trees at Risk

The number of illegal logging cases will rise this winter as people will resort to wood for heating purposes, environmental scientists and NGOs warned in a statement.



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Volunteers Help Clean up Scandinavian Forest

Tens of Jordanians, Scandinavians and other expatriates took part in a "clean-up" day at the Scandinavian Forest, which is located between Amman and Jerash, on 9th of Nov.



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Mujib Biosphere Reserve Reports Rise in Number of Tourists

RSCN received 17,000 tourists in 2011. The number rose to 20,000 this year, 85 per cent of them Jordanians. This indicates a rise in inbound tourism and especially to the Mujib Biosphere Reserve.



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Local Environmental News

Jordan to Expand Use of Renewable Energy Systems

The Ministry of Energy announced last month that the Jordanian government plans to implement a range of measures that aim to rationalise energy consumption in the kingdom.



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Regional Environmental News

Qatar Set to Host Major Climate Talks

The 18th United Nations climate change conference, known as COP18, has opened in Doha, the Qatari capital.



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World Environmental News

Mammoth Carcass Found in Siberia

A well-preserved mammoth carcass has been found in the permafrost of northern Siberia by an 11-year-old boy.



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Scientists Find What May Have Been the First Dinosaur

Nyasasaurus parringtoni is more than 10 million years older than previously discovered dinosaurs.



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	Thu	Fri	Sat
6th - 7th Ajloun Forest Reserve Cabins & Prophet Trail 54 JD RSCN members 63 JD non-members			
8th Azraq Village Biking Tour			
13rd - 14th Dana Biosphere Reserve Guesthouse & Shaq il Reesh Trail 52 JD RSCN members 58 JD non-members			
15th Azraq Village Biking Tour			
20th - 21st Mujib Biosphere Reserve Chalets & Ibex Trail 52 JD RSCN members 58 JD non-members			
22nd Azraq Village Biking Tour			
27th - 28th Azraq Wetland Reserve Lodge, Cycling & Desert Castles 54 JD RSCN members 61 JD non-members			
29th Azraq Village Biking Tour			

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