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## Photo of the Month



**Green Toad**  
(*Pseudepidalea viridis*)

Although the Green Toad is an amphibian, it can survive exposure to extreme environmental conditions. This species dwells mainly in agricultural areas where it attracts venomous snakes such as the Egyptian cobra.

## Did You Know!



Did you know that only seven species of snakes recorded in Jordan are venomous and only one species from Dibeen reserve is venomous!

## BioBit



### Dibeen Forest Reserve

Despite being a relatively small nature reserve in Jordan with an area of about 8,5 Km<sup>2</sup>, the Dibeen Forest reserve contains a high diversity of fauna and flora. So far, a total of 249 flora, 9 carnivores, 75 birds, 21 reptiles, 2 amphibians, 2 insectivores, 4 bats, 8 rodents and over than 600 invertebrate species have been recorded in the reserve.

## RSCN Sponsorship Menu



## Upcoming Events & Occasions

Every Saturday  
**Azraq Village Biking Tour**

January  
**Wild Weekly Weekends Trips**

**Winter Discount**

## Have Your Say

Send us your questions, comments or even photos to:

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**Go Greener!**  
CFC gas produced by refrigerators destroys the ozone layer. Always make sure that your fridge is stamped with "CFC Gas Free".



Together, We Can Help People Help Nature

## RSCN Strategic Achievements for The Year 2012

Get Involved with our RSCN Strategic Achievements for the past year 2012.

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## RSCN News

### Establishment of Environmental Societies Union Approved

The Ministry of Social Development has approved the establishment of the Environmental Societies Union (ESU), Jordan's first coalition of environment and nature protection agencies.

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### A Good Way to Serve Jordan

Forests, which constitute less than one per cent of Jordan's total area, have always been under threat from various factors that include climate change, desertification and urbanisation.

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### Saving a Forest Could be a Tweet Away

Social media in Jordan has become one of the main tools activist rely on to raise awareness about the protection of nature and rally public support for environmental causes, according to activists and experts.

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### Illegal Loggers Attack Forest Rangers in Ajloun, Cut down Centennial Trees

A patrol of rangers from the Ministry of Agriculture's forestry department has been assaulted while trying to stop illegal loggers from chopping down centennial trees in Ajloun Governorate.

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## Local Environmental News

### Environment, Municipal Ministries will not be Merged

The government has rescinded a proposed decision to merge the Ministry of Environment with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs under the 2013 draft law on restructuring ministries and public institutions.

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## World Environmental News

### Deserts: Arid, But Full of Life

Far from being barren wastelands, deserts are biologically rich habitats with a vast array of animals and plants that have adapted to the harsh conditions there. Some deserts are among the planet's last remaining areas of total wilderness.

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### African Elephant Poaching Threatens Wildlife Future

Three elephant corpses lay piled on top of one another under the scorching Kenyan sun.

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## wild weekly weekends

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>February 2013</b>	<b>Overnight Trip</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup></b> Mujib Biosphere Reserve Chalets - Ibex Trail 54 JD RSCN members 60 JD non-members		
	<b>Biking Trip</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b> Azraq Wetland Reserve Azraq Village Biking Tour 28 JD RSCN members 30 JD non-members		
	<b>Overnight Trip</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> Azraq Wetland Reserve Azraq Lodge 59 JD RSCN members 65 JD non-members		
	<b>Biking Trip</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Azraq Wetland Reserve Azraq Village Biking Tour 28 JD RSCN members 30 JD non-members		

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