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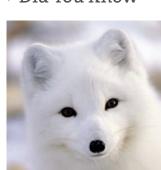
Syrian Serin (Serinus syriacus)

The Syrian Serin is one of the rarest passerine species worldwide, and it has a restricted range of occurrence in Jordan confined to a small area less than 40 km² in the Al-Barrah area within Dana Biosphere Reserve. This species is con-

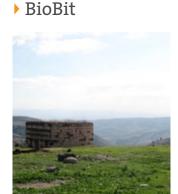
Did You Know

sidered a vulnerable species according to

the IUCN Red Lists.



Unlike some Arctic mammals, Arctic Foxes do not hibernate.



History of Proteced Areas in Jordan

Yarmouk Protected Area was established by the RSCN in 2010 to protect a representative sample of the Deciduous Oak Forest known as "Malol" which is the national tree of Jordan. The reserve is located in the most northern part of Jordan and holds the presence of several species of fauna and flora such as Orchids and the Stone Marten.

Upcoming Events

Azraq Village Biking Tour

Every Saturday

Have Your Say

Send us your

questions, comments or even photos to: member@rscn.org.jo

Go **Greener!**

Shorten your

shower by a minute or two and you will save up to 6840 liters per year = 5.13 JOD



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RSCN News

Hundreds of Saplings to be Planted in Madaba **Forest**

Families and schoolchildren marked Arbor Day, by planting trees in a forest in Madaba Governorate.

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Nature Guide Training Programme Accepting Applications

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature is looking to select 4 young men and women for the unique opportunity to receive professional field guide and nature training in South Africa for a year-long course at an international school for nature guiding.

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Local Environmental News

Dr. Sawsan Oran- Efforts **Are Underway to Preserve** the Badia's Native Plants and Unlock Their Secrets

University of Jordan botanist Dr. Sawsan Oran is part of a team of scientists conducting medical research on native plants.

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Regional Environmental News

Thirsty Gulf Country Quits Exports of Precious Groundwater

Dubai's water scarce neighbor Abu Dhabi recently announced that it has banned all groundwater exports, Gulf News reports. Established at a Ministerial Service Council meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the ban will keep the Emirate's dwindling groundwater supply within its own borders. Read More



World Environmental News

Stop Habitat Loss to Save Sumatran Elephant The future of the rare Sumatran elephant

is at risk from habitat loss and it could be wiped out within 30 years, says top conservation group WWF. The Sumatran elephant population has already been halved in a generation and almost 70% of its habitat has been lost due to deforestation and plantations, the environmental group says. Read More



Data Mean for the Climate Debate? Research showing that the Himalayas and

What Does New Glacier

nearby peaks have lost no ice in past 10 years has been met with relief and surprise - but scientists warn against jumping to simplistic conclusions. The rivers and glaciers that descend from the steep slopes of the Himalaya mountain range help to provide water for the 1.4 billion people that live in its shadow Read More

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15th - 16th

Dana Biosphere Reserve Guesthouse & Shaq Al Reesh trail 58 JD RSCN members 64 JD non-members Azraq Village Biking Tour 22nd - 23rd Mujib Biosphere Reserve Chalets & Ibex Trail 50 JD RSCN members 56 JD non-members

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