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## Photo of the Month

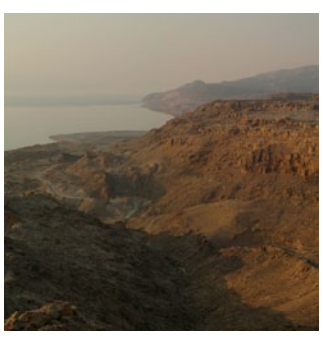
**Azraq Killifish**
*(Aphanius sirhani)*

The only vertebrate species endemic to Jordan can only be found in Azraq Wetland Reserve. Although habitat changes and the introduction of other fish species forced this species to the edge of extinction, it was successfully re-introduced to its natural habitat after a rescue mission by the RSCN.

## Did you Know

African pygmy squirrel is the smallest species of squirrel.

## BioBit



**History of Protected Areas in Jordan**

In 2011, Mujib Nature Reserve was internationally recognized by UNESCO as a biosphere reserve and renamed the Mujib Biosphere Reserve. Established in 1987, this RSCN-managed biosphere reserve has had many success stories, including effectively ensuring the future of the threatened Nubian Ibex through a re-introduction program.

## Upcoming Events

**Switch to Summer Nature Frequency**

## Have Your Say

Send us your questions, comments or even photos to:

**member@rscn.org.jo**

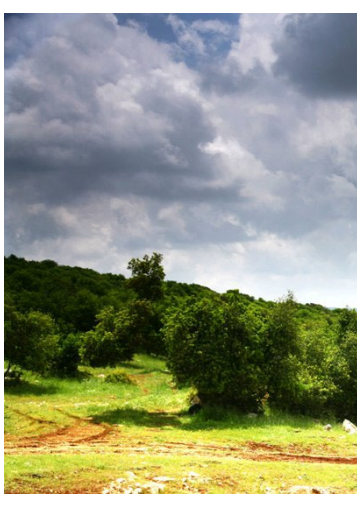
## Go Greener!

**Air conditioning can offer much-needed respite from the heat and can make sweaty nights bearable, but be sensitive to overuse. Turning up the thermostat a few degrees on your AC is a great way to save tons of cash while making the planet a cooler place at the same time.**

**Together, We Can Help People Help Nature**

*RSCN News*

## RSCN will not participate in environment impact assessment of planned military academy



The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), Jordan's main environment protection agency, announced its refusal to participate in the environment impact assessment (EIA) of a planned military academy in Bergesh Forest.

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*Local Environmental News*

## Arab Bank employees volunteer in Ajloun to support the local community

Twenty Arab Bank employees visited the Ajloun Agricultural Complex as part of the JRF's 'Community Empowerment Program' to help farmers and the local community.

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*Regional Environmental News*

## Patter of tiny flamingo feet in Abu Dhabi for first time in a decade

Flamingos are breeding in Abu Dhabi's Al Wathba Wetland Reserve for the first time in almost a decade. Established in 1998, the protected area is home to almost 1,600 Greater Flamingos.

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*World Environmental News*

## Wildlife thrives amid dry times

Despite drought conditions that have recently had officials struggling to maintain dwindling water supplies, native wildlife seems to be much more equipped to handle the dry weather.

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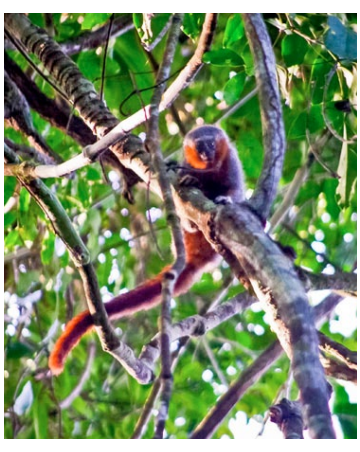
## New monkey species discovered in the Amazon



A monkey sporting a ginger beard and matching fiery red tail, discovered in a threatened region of the Brazilian Amazon, is believed to be a species new to science. The primate was found in relatively untouched pockets of forest in Mato Grosso, the region that has been worst-affected by illegal deforestation and land conflicts.

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*Take Action*

## Green activism to protect forests in Jordan

The collective effort to conserve our forests manifested in the campaign to protect Bergesh forest in northern Jordan is a positive sign of vitality of the green movement during the wave of democracy in the Arab region, or the so-called Arab Spring.

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## RSCN Profiles

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Ehab Eid obtained his Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of Jordan and received a graduate degree in Conservation, Access and Management of Species in Trade from the International University of Andalucía in Spain.

He is working with the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature as the Field Research Coordinator, specializing in the marine and terrestrial fauna of Jordan.

Each month, Mr. Eid volunteers his time to prepare the RSCN newsletter's BioBits and Photo of the Month in order to raise awareness about biodiversity, protected areas, and nature conservation in Jordan.

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