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*Photo of the Month*

**Phoenician Juniper**
*(Juniperus phoenicea)*

The Phoenician Juniper is an evergreen shrub or tree found in the southern parts of Jordan and in areas like Dana, Jabal Masuda and Shubak. Although considered to be one of the most drought-resistant trees, its future is threatened by illegal woodcutting.

## Did you Know

Forests make up less than 1% of Jordan's land area.

## BioBit

**History of Protected Areas in Jordan**

Due to population growth, developmental activities, and changes in national laws affecting protected areas, many of the protected areas originally proposed by Clarke (1979) have been seriously degraded. Therefore, a re-evaluation survey was conducted by RSCN between 1997 and 2000.

## Upcoming Events

22 May
**International Biodiversity Day Lecture**

1 June
**The Annual General Assembly Meeting 2011**

## Have Your Say

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

## Go Greener!

Potted plants not only help to rid our air of pollutants, they also help regulate indoor temperatures and control energy costs!

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

# RSCN Opposes the Deforestation of Bergesh Forest, Stating that the Project Would Violate Several Laws

RSCN believes that the decision to approve the construction of a military academy in Bergesh Forest destroys important Jordanian forests and violates national law.

*Read more*

*Local Environmental News*

## Lower House Panel Approves Construction of Military Academy

Jordan's main environment watchdog on Wednesday decried a Lower House panel's decision to approve the construction of a military academy in Bergesh Forest although the site has been relocated.

*Read more*

*Regional Environmental News*

## Obvious Rainwater-Harvester Idea Wins Phillips Livable Cities Award

Sabrina Faber, from Yemen, has won 75,000 Euros for her idea: a rainwater harvesting system incorporated into rooftops, based on the traditional designs she saw in the countryside.

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*World Environmental News*

## State of the World's Forest Report 2011

Forests cover 31% of total land area and are the basis for the livelihoods of 1.6 billion people.

*Read more*

## Human Health Linked Directly to Forest Health

Environmental degradation is causing serious detrimental health impacts for humans, but protecting natural habitats can reverse this and supply positive health benefits.

*Read more*

*Take Action*

## Join our Facebook Campaign Against the Bergesh Deforestation

Log onto our Facebook group page and answer our question on whether or not you support the destruction of Jordan's trees. Let your voice be heard!

https://www.facebook.com/#!/rscn.org

# RSCN at Mecca Mall

Mecca Mall

We would like to thank Kurdi Group for graciously allowing RSCN to set up an informational booth in Mecca Mall from April 25 to April 30th, 2011. Hundreds stopped by our booth to learn more about Jordan's wildlife and conservation and over 170 signed up to become Friends!

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