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Photo of the Month

Ferruginous Duck
(Aytha nyroca)

The Ferruginous Duck favors fresh-water lakes and marshes with extensive fringing and emergent vegetation in lowland open country. It is considered to be a near-threatened species by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, due to extensive hunting and habitat degradation.

Did you Know

Did you know that the Nature Shop now offers a recycled tea box, handmade from recycled materials by women in Azraq and filled with teas made by women in the Mujib Nature Reserve?

BioBit

History of Protected Areas in Jordan

The first protected areas survey was conducted in 1974. In 1977-78, John E. Clarke conducted a follow-up project, identifying important natural habitats for wildlife species in Jordan. As a result of his research, he recommended a network of twelve sites to be established as protected areas, subsequently conserving 4% of the entire landmass of Jordan.

Upcoming Events

17 - 18 March
Trip to Mujib Nature Reserve

22 March
Lecture Celebrating World Water Day

26 March
Celebrating Earth Hour

Have Your Say

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

Go Greener!

An easy way to clean green is to wash your laundry in cold water – it will reduce energy usage by 90%. Also, don't forget to use eco-friendly detergents!

Together, We Can Help People Help Nature

World Environmental News

75% of Coral Reefs are Threatened

Human activity and climate change have left about 75% of the world's coral reefs threatened, putting the livelihoods of many countries that depend on the ocean ecosystems at risk.

Learn more

RSCN News

Pumping Drains Azraq Rescue Efforts

Continuous pumping has set back decades of work to revive the Azraq Wetlands, limiting efforts to half of the stated goal. Organized and unorganized pumping has limited reclamation to 5.8 percent of the original oasis, a vital stop for migratory birds and the only home for the indigenous Azraq killifish.

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Regional News

Qat Crop Threatens to Drain Yemen Dry

With a population of 24 million and growing and despite a 1,185 mile shoreline, Yemen is on target to be the first country in the world to literally run out of water.

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RSCN News

Zara Cliff Walk Dead Sea Panoramic Complex

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature launched a self-guided easy walk in the Dead Sea Panoramic Complex that allows you to explore the Zara Cliffs with its breathtaking views and incredible biodiversity.

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Local Environmental News

Following Citizens' Complaints, Ministry Closes Landfill

Authorities closed down a landfill north of the capital after its owners failed to address residents' complaints of noise and environmental pollution.

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Take Action

Earth Hour 2011

Join millions of people around the world in one of the largest campaigns against global warming. On Saturday, March 26th at 8:30 p.m., RSCN will host environmental activities in the Wild Jordan Center to include turning off the lights for an hour and a candlelit march through Jabal Amman.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact us at member@rscn.org.jo or call 4633684

www.earthhour.org

Partnering with Arab Bank to Protect Nature
World Wetlands Day 2011

In celebration of World Wetlands Day, on Saturday, February 19, The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) hosted World Wetlands Day 2011 in Azraq Wetland Reserve. Sponsored by Arab Bank and Sama Water, RSCN welcomed over 200 Members, Friends, Arab Bank employees, and local schoolchildren for a fun-filled and educational day in the Azraq Wetland Reserve.

Activities included painting murals of Azraq's sites and wildlife, bird watching from the rustic bird hide, playing eco-games, and learning more about the indigenous Azraq killifish and the devastating effect excessive water pumping has had on the wetlands.

At the end of the day, as visitors returned home to Amman, they left with a better understanding of the global importance of the Azraq Wetland Reserve and a renewed dedication to conserve Jordan's only permanent wetlands.

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