

FACTS OF UAE

NATIVE PLANTS OF THE UAE

Cornulaca monacantha –

In Arabic it is known as *had* and *djouri* is a straggling, branched, woody shrub growing to a height of 60 centimeters (24 in).

It is a desert plant found in the Middle East and the Sahara



Desert hyacinth (Cistanche tubulosa) –

Branchless parasite fleshy herb, up to 1m high with erect whitish single stem, simple and up to 4cm thick, stem arise from tuber.

Common in coastal areas of the Arabian Gulf coast and on inland saline sand plains.



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Arfaj (Rhanterium epapposum) –

Once a common dwarf shrub in many north-eastern parts of UAE, overgrazing has led to the disappearance of the species in many locations.-



Ausaj (Lycium shawii) –

Desert plant, common in the UAE in variety of habitats: gravel plains, hillsides, wadis and plantation.



Safrawi (Dipterygium glaucum) –

Perennial shrub but often flowering and fruiting in the first year. Very common in the UAE, along the Arabian gulf coast, often very close to beach lines, also on saline sand inland, except for the southern part of Abu Dhabi emirate.



NATIVE ANIMALS OF THE UAE

Oryx leucoryx (Al maha, al baqr, al barra) –

The Arabian Oryx is uniform white, while the flank stripe is absent. Arabian Oryx once occurred over all or most of the plains and deserts of the Arabian Peninsula.



Arabian Red Fox (Al taleb al ahmer)-

Is similar in color to the common Red Fox. Found throughout the UAE and can adapt to all habitats, from desert to mountains, as well as the urban environment.



Caracal (Al hamra, Al washaq) –

The caracal is widely distributed through the region.

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Leptien Spiny tailed Lizard (Dhobi) –

Found only in the UAE and Oman, they live in loose colonies on hard substrates such as gravel plains into which they can dig their deep burrows.



Zig Zag Ord Spider (Argiope sp.) –

Body is large, generally with black and yellow upper parts and a very pale dorsal side. Found throughout the reserve, mainly on rocky outcrops



Brandts Hedgehogs (Al qunfuz) –

Found along the East of the Arabian Peninsula, in the UAE and Oman, preferring mountain oasis and wadi systems with plenty of vegetation, but does come down to the sandy desert plains.



ENDANGERED ANIMAL OF THE UAE

Socotra Cormorant -

is a birds that are restricted to only breeding on islands in the Arabian Gulf and the coast of the Arabian Sea. In 2012 only 12,000 breeding pairs found throughout UAE.



The Hawksbill Turtle –

is estimated to have declined in population globally by around 80 percent in the past century. One of the major causes for this has been through hunting for its shell.



Sand Cat –

The smallest cat in the Arabian deserts, this animal's numbers have declined rapidly in recent years due to destruction of its natural habitat and hunting by farmers. One of the largest colonies of the cats living in captivity is at Al Ain Zoo.



ENDANGERED ANIMAL OF THE UAE

Arabian Tahr –

The Arabian tahr is the smallest species of tahr. The animal is of stocky build with backward-arching horns in both sexes. lives on steep rocky slopes of Hajar mountain of the United Arab Emirates and Oman at altitudes of up to 1,800 meters above sea level.



Houbara Bustard –

The funky looking houbara bustard is an unfortunate creature. Its lanky shape and plump body has made it traditional prey of falconers and their falcons, hunting it to dangerously low.



PROTECTED AREA IN UAE

MANGROVE NATIONAL PARK

THE MANGROVE NATIONAL PARK IS LOCATED NEAR THE ANANTARA HOTEL, JUST OUTSIDE CENTRAL ABU DHABI ON SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN STREET.



RAS AL KHOR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

The Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary, is located around the 8-mile Dubai Creek watercourse. Home to approximately 270 species of fauna and 47 species of flora, the place has noticed a great deal of change. The sanctuary was founded in 1985 and the **Flamingos** added charm and grew in number ever since.



MUSHRIF NATIONAL PARK:

DUBAI AREA:

MUSHRIF NATIONAL PARK IS A LARGE PROTECTED PARK WITH INDIGENOUS GHAF WOODLAND. IT IS AN UNDER-WATCHED SITE.



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HERITAGE & CULTURE:

SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE CENTER-ABU DHABI



HERITAGE VILLAGE-DUBAI



ABU DHABI FALCON HOSPITAL



BATEEN SHIPYARD-ABU DHABI



DESCRIPTION/ PRODUCT TITLE	PROHIBITING AUTHORITY
3 layers nylon fishing nets	Ministry of Environment and Water
Gambling tools & machine	Ministry of Interior
Falcons shall be prohibited from September to March of each year except for the following: 1. Falcons with permits under CITES Convention. 2. Falcons bearing passports. 3. Sick falcons arriving for treatment after obtaining permits from the Environment Research Authority	(Decision From Highness President)
Electronic cigarette	General Secretariat Of Municipalities
Bustard	Ministry of Environment and Water
Dangerous Waste	Federal Environment Authority
Used Tires	Emirates Authority for standardization & Metrology

DESCRIPTION/ PRODUCT TITLE	PROHIBITING AUTHORITY
Live animals & birds , Live Horse, Live Fish	Ministry of Environment and Water
All kind of weapons and ammunitions , Alcohol drinks	Ministry of Interior
Medicines & medical equipments	Ministry of Health
Organic and chemical fertilizers , chemicals & radioactive substances , Fungicides , Agricultural seedlings , seed	Ministry of Environment and Water
New Tires	Emirates Authority for standardization & Metrology
Communication system	Telecommunications Regulatory Authority
Veterinary vaccines and serums Human blood; animal blood attired for therapeutic, preventive or diagnostic uses; antis era & other blood component & modified immunological products, whether or not obtained by means of biotechnological processes; vaccines, toxins, poison of micro-organisms (excluding yeasts) & similar products	Ministry of Environment and water & Ministry of Health