



Books and Web Resources

The books and web sites are grouped in sections with a short description, or recommendation, if relevant.

Lebanese specific texts are intermittently available in good book shops, internationally published books through Amazon etc.

General Natural History of the region:

Collins Complete Mediterranean Wildlife – photo guide

Publisher: Harper Collins

ISBN 0-00-220161-5

An excellent basic and easy to use guide to all groups with photographs

Biology and Wildlife of the Mediterranean Region

J. Blondel and J. Aronson

Publisher: Oxford University Press

ISBN: 0198500351

A University level text with a very thorough examination of biodiversity themes in the region

Plants

Mediterranean Wild Flowers

M. Blamey

Publisher: Harper Collins

ISBN 0 00 219901 7

A very thorough field guide to the region

Wild Flowers of Lebanon

M. Nehmeh

Publisher: CNRS Lebanon

No ISBN Out of print but still available in French and English versions

Large clear photos

Illustrated Flora of Lebanon

G. & H. Tohme

Publisher: CNRS Lebanon

ISBN 978 9953-0-1085-4

Excellent, complete and well illustrated (photos) flora of Lebanon. Easy to use.

If you want to study Lebanon's plants get this book!

Photographic guide to Wild Flowers of Lebanon Vols 1 and 2

A. & N. Hourri

ISBN 978-9953-0-1221-6

Ideal for student use. Easy to use, with flowers grouped by color, limited information and good photos. Small, and so handy to carry into the field.

Plants of the Aammiq Area

A Rocha Lebanon

see: <http://www.arocha.org/lb-en/resources/publications.html>

Focuses on plants in the wetland area and surroundings, easy to use, flowers grouped by color, clear photos

Website: <http://ahmad.hourri.lau.edu.lb/db/>

Fantastic resource based on the books “Photographic guide to Wild Flowers of Lebanon Vols. 1 and 2” – species photos can be sorted by color, family name, species name or blooming month

Invertebrates

Butterflies of Lebanon

T. Larsen

Publisher: CNRS Lebanon

ISBN: 0 900848 73 1

A very thorough and well illustrated (photos) coverage of the country’s butterflies. Out of print but still available in some book shops

Butterflies of the Aammiq Area, Lebanon

A Rocha Lebanon

see: <http://www.arocha.org/lb-en/resources/publications.html>

English and Arabic versions available. 53 species beautifully illustrated with original water color pictures and text

The Dragonflies of Europe

R. R. Askew

Publisher: Harley Books

ISBN 0 946589 10 0

Lebanon lies slightly outside the area covered but very relevant

Dragonflies of the Aammiq Area, Lebanon

A Rocha Lebanon

see: <http://www.arocha.org/lb-en/resources/publications.html>

The only known book on Lebanese dragonflies – although it only covers the Aammiq area, back ground information plus species accounts and good clear photos

Website: <http://www.arocha.org/lb-en/work/science/moths.html>

Gives a complete list for moths of the Aammiq region

Website: <http://www.arocha.org/lb-en/work/science/butterflies.html>

Gives a complete list for butterflies of the Aammiq region

Website: <http://www.arochoa.org/lb-en/work/science/dragonflies.html>

Gives a complete list for dragonflies of the Aammiq region

Birds

Field Guide to the Birds of the Middle East

R. Porter et al.

Publisher: Poyser

ISBN: 0-85661-076-3

Available in English and Arabic

Best field guide to the region

Birds of Lebanon and the Jordan area

S. V. Benson

Publisher: The International Council for Bird Preservation

ISBN 0 7232 1289 9

Out of print but some copies available in Ras Beirut book shops

Les Oiseaux du Liban

G. & H. Tohme

Publisher: Lebanese University

Out of print, but some copies available in Ras Beirut book shops

Arabic text

The Raptors of Europe and the Middle East

D. Forsman

Publisher: Princeton University Press

ISBN: 0-7136-6515-7

Quite advanced, fantastic photos

The Birds of the Aammiq Area Lebanon

A Rocha Lebanon

see: <http://www.arochoa.org/lb-en/resources/publications.html>

Very helpful guide to the local birds particularly where and when to see them. Illustrated with water color pictures and graphs.

Website: <http://www.arochoa.org/lb-en/work/science/birds.html>

Gives a complete bird list for birds of the Aammiq region with some photos

Mammals

Les Mammifères Sauvages du Liban

G. & H. Tohme

Publisher: Lebanese University

Out of print but some copies available in Ras Beirut book shops

French text

The Mammals of Arabia
D. Harrison & P. Bates
Publisher: Harrison Zoological Museum
ISBN 0 9517313 0 0

Very thorough with photos, distribution maps and species accounts

Arabian Mammals – a Natural History
J. Kingdon
Publisher: Academic Press

Lebanon is just outside the geographic area covered but very relevant. Arabic & English text large colored drawings and species accounts.

Mammals of the Aammiq area, Lebanon
A Rocha Lebanon
see: <http://www.arocha.org/lb-en/resources/publications.html>

English and Arabic versions available. Black & White line drawings and accounts for local species.

Website: <http://www.arocha.org/lb-en/work/science/mammals.html>
Gives complete species list of mammals recorded at the Aammiq wetland

Reptiles and Amphibians

Handbook to Middle East Amphibians and Reptiles
Leviton, Anderson, Adler & Minton
Publisher: Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles
ISBN: 0-916984-23-0

Very thorough, Lebanon is slightly outside the region but very relevant for university students

Amphibians and Reptiles of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Disi, Modry, Necas & Rifai
Publisher: Chimaira
ISBN 3-930612-12-7

Excellent atlas and field guide to Jordan, so of some relevance to local species

Turkish Herpetofauna
Baran & Atatur
Publisher: Turkish MoE
ISBN 975-7347-38-8

Much overlap of local species so relevant for advanced students

Website: <http://www.arocha.org/lb-en/work/science/reptiles.html>
Gives complete species list of reptiles and amphibians recorded in the Aammiq region with some photos