

## PRESERVED AND PROTECTED SITES IN DUBAI:

### Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary



Ras Al Khor is a wetland reserve which attracts migratory birds in large numbers, in particular a large flamingo colony. The total area covers 6.2 square kilometer and is surrounded by an additional buffer zone; the Sanctuary has about 266 species of fauna, and 47 of flora. Its varied ecosystems support diverse plants, insects, reptiles, birds, and mammals. However, the majestic flamingos against a backdrop of dark mangroves are Ras Al Khor's most visible and attractive feature, about 1,000 of them drawing quite an interest from residents and tourists alike through the year.

### Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve



It is a 225 square kilometer natural reserve and UAE's first natural park and largest protected wildlife. The desert is teeming with life of all shapes and sizes. Home of the endangered species of fauna and flora with over 33 mammals and reptiles' species indigenous to the Arabian Peninsula. It has a wide variety of both resident and migratory bird species including Barbary Falcon, Lappett-Face Voltures and even Migratory Cuckoo, Arabian Red Fox, Arabian Oryx, Leptian Spiny Tailed Lizard, Camels and Lesser Jerboa (Rat).

### Mushrif National Park



Set up in 124 hectares, it is a large protected park with indigenous Ghaf wood land. It is located in Al Khawaneej Road, 5 kilometer East of the Dubai Airport. There had been 102 species and the star attraction is Pallid Scops Owl near the Mosque. Species that can be seen regularly are: Crested Honey Buzzard, Greater Spotted Eagle, Shikra, Western Marsh Harrier, and Eurasian Sparrow Hawk.

### Al Ahmadiya School in Deira



Whether you are interested in the history of education or simply fond of architecture, there is plenty to see and learn about this place. It is considered as one of the most prestigious and oldest Educational Institution and the first Semi Formal Private School in Dubai; founded in 1912 by Sheikh Ahmed Bin Dalmo

### **Mangrove National Park**



The Mangrove National Park is located near the Anantara Hotel, just outside central Abu Dhabi on Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Street.