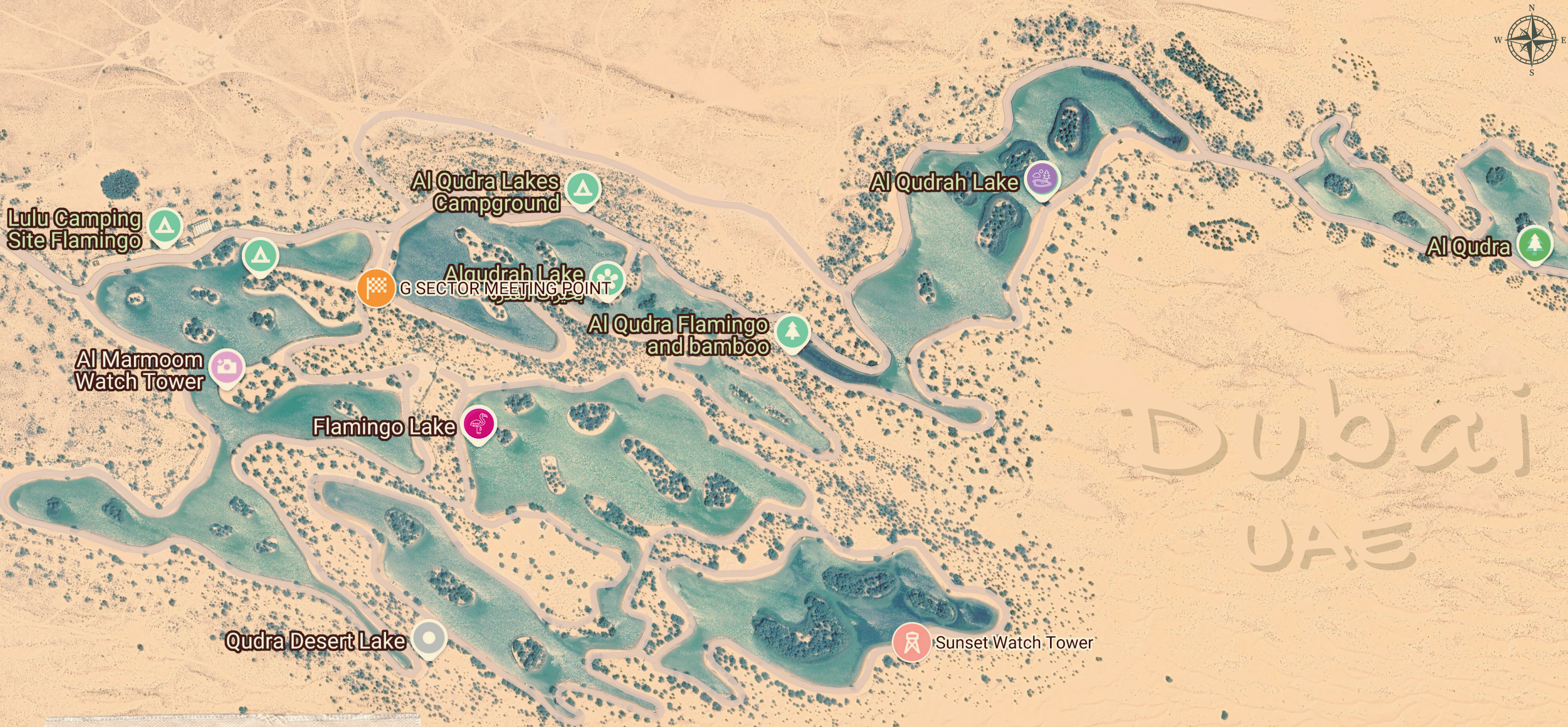




About Al Qudra Lakes

Qudra Lakes, located inside the Al Marmoom Desert Conservation Reserve, form a network of man-made desert wetlands in Dubai. They support rich biodiversity, attract migratory birds, and serve as a popular eco-tourism site.

Ecological Importance

- Key wetland habitat in a desert ecosystem.
- Supports Afro-Eurasian migratory bird routes.
- Provides freshwater for birds, mammals, and invertebrates.
- Enhances biodiversity within the Al Marmoom Conservation Reserve.

Lakes



Al Qudra Lake (Main Lake)

Largest and original lake. Popular for picnics and cycling. Hosts ducks, grebes, herons, flamingos, tilapia fish, and desert mammals.

Love Lake

Two heart-shaped lakes surrounded by palm trees and walking trails. Great for photography and birdwatching (cormorants, moorhens, shrikes, drongos).



Flamingo Lake

Shallow lake attracting Greater Flamingos, black-winged stilts, sandpipers, and marsh harriers. Important wintering habitat.

Crescent Lake

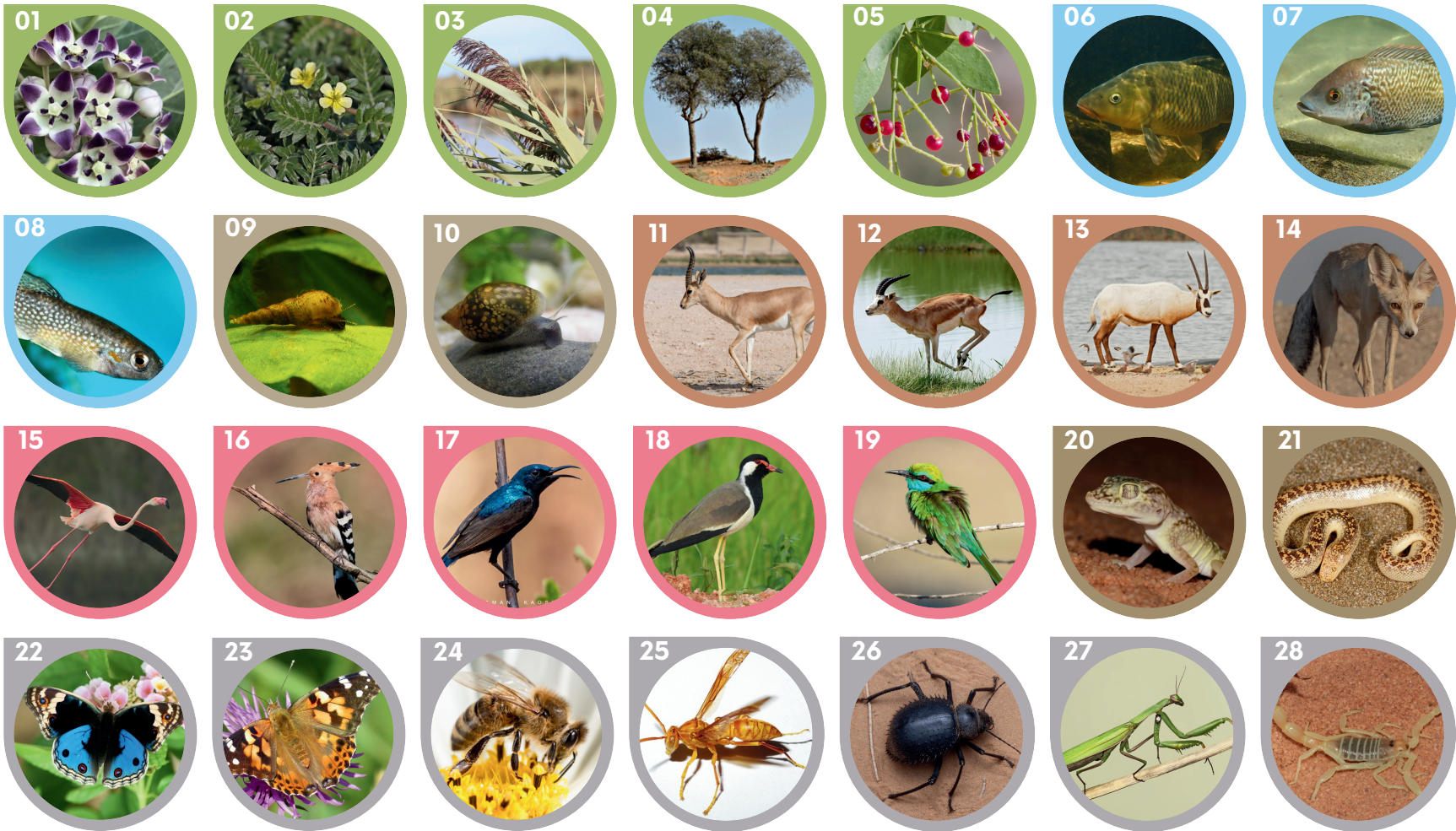
Quiet, crescent-shaped lake deeper in the reserve. Supports gazelles, foxes, dhubs, and various aquatic insects.

Moon/Hidden Lakes

Remote 4x4-access lakes known for natural scenery. Wildlife includes gazelles, foxes, and waterfowl.

Last Lake

Narrow, peaceful lake at the far end of the cluster. Ideal for sunsets and photography.



Species to look out for:

PLANTS

- 1.Rubber Bush — Calotropis procera
- 2.Caltrop — Tribulus terrestris
- 3.Common Reed — Phragmites australis
- 4.Ghaf Tree — Prosopis cineraria
- 5.Toothbrush Tree — Salvadora persica

FISH

- 6.Koi Carp — Cyprinus rubrofusculus
- 7.Mozambique Tilapia — Oreochromis mossambicus
- 8.Arabian Toothcarp — Aphaniops dispar

MOLLUSCS

- 9.Red-rimmed Melania — Melanoides tuberculata
- 10.Acute Bladder Snail — Physella acuta

MAMMALS

- 11.Arabian Gazelle — Gazella arabica
- 12.Sand Gazelle — Gazella marica
- 13.Arabian Oryx — Oryx leucoryx
- 14.Arabian Red Fox — Vulpes vulpes arabica

BIRDS

- 1.Greater Flamingo — Phoenicopterus roseus
- 2.Common Hoopoe — Upupa epops
- 3.Purple Sunbird — Cinnerys asiaticus
- 4.Red-wattled Lapwing — Vanellus indicus
- 5.Arabian Green Bee-Eater — Merops cyanophrys

REPTILES

- 20.Middle Eastern Short-fingered Gecko — Stenodactylus doriae
- 21.Arabian Sand Boa — Eryx jayakari

INSECTS

- 22.Blue Argus Butterfly — Junonia orithya
- 23.Painted Lady Butterfly — Vanessa cardui
- 24.Arabian Honey Bee — Apis mellifera ssp. jemenitica
- 25.Arabian Paper Wasp — Polistes wattii
- 26.Urchin Beetle — Prionothea coronata
- 27.European Mantis — Mantis religiosa
- 28.Black Sting scorpion — Buthacus nigroaculeatus

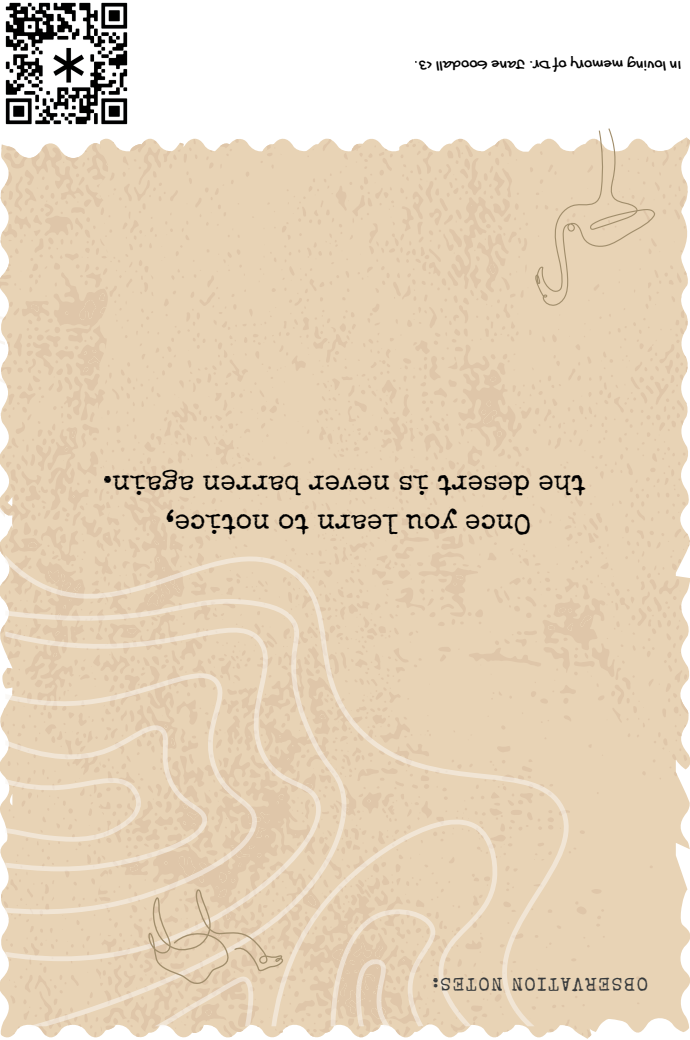
The Bigger Picture

In a time of climate uncertainty, it's easy to feel small. But nature doesn't move through grand gestures alone — it moves through countless small, steady acts. A single observation. A single seed. A single person choosing to care.

Hope is not passive. Hope is participation.

It is choosing to look closely, to learn, and to stand gently but firmly in protection of life — even in the desert.

- Observe without disturbing
- Leave no trace
- Take only photos, leave only footprints
- The desert is a home, not a backdrop
- Quiet helps wildlife feel safe



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Ultra Simple INaturalist How-To

- 1.Take a clear photo
- 2.Keep location on
- 3.Upload under today's project
- 4.Don't worry about the name — the community helps identify

What You Might Discover

Birds · Insects · Tracks · Burrows · Native Plants · Desert Night Life · Something about yourself

Why Discovery Matters

You protect what you understand. And you understand what you take the time to notice.

Why Biodiversity Matters

Biodiversity is the living fabric of our planet. Every bird, insect, plant, and microorganism plays a role in keeping ecosystems stable, resilient, and alive. When biodiversity thrives, life supports life.

How to make best use of this Experience

Walk slowly. Pause often. Let curiosity lead. This guide is your companion for noticing life in small and meaningful ways.