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Animal Fact Sheet

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American Flamingo

Phoenicopterus ruber

The American flamingo is the most intensely coloured of all the flamingos, a deep and almost scarlet pink where its Old World relatives are pale, and the difference comes down entirely to diet. Flami…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Phoenicopteridae
Habitat: Shallow saline lagoons, mudflats, and coastal lakes
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-40 years
Weight: 2-4 kg
Scientific name: Phoenicopterus ruber

Did you know?

- Despite their tropical appearance, American Flamingos can tolerate surprisingly cool temperatures and have even been seen feeding in chilly waters.
- It is the most vividly pink of all flamingos — and the colour comes from carotenoids in its food, so it honestly advertises how well the bird is feed…

What I learned

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