

Animal Fact Sheet

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American Flamingo

Phoenicopterus ruber

The American Flamingo is a striking wading bird known for its vibrant pink to reddish plumage, long legs, and distinctive downward-bending bill. Native to the Caribbean, northern South America, and t...

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.
- American Flamingos filter-feed by turning their heads upside down in the water, using their specialized bills to sift out food. Their chicks are born...

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