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## Greater Flamingo

*Phoenicopterus roseus*

The Greater Flamingo is the largest and most widespread species of flamingo, known for its striking pink plumage, long neck, and stilt-like legs. It inhabits shallow brackish and saltwater wetlands, ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird

**Family:** Phoenicopteridae

**Habitat:** Shallow wetlands

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 20-40 years

**Weight:** 2-4 kg

**Scientific name:** *Phoenicopterus roseus*

### Did you know?

- A Greater Flamingo can filter as many as 20 beakfuls of water per second to collect its food.
- Greater Flamingos get their pink coloration from pigments in their diet called carotenoids. They often stand on one leg, a behavior believed to conse...

### What I learned

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