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Animal Fact Sheet

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Greater Flamingo

Phoenicopterus roseus

The greater flamingo is the largest and most widespread of the flamingos, standing up to about 1.5 m tall on stilt-like legs yet weighing only a few kilograms — a build that lets it wade into water t…

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.
- Flamingo chicks hatch grey — the pink develops over years from carotenoids in their food. The bill works upside-down, filtering water on the same pri…

What I learned

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