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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lesser Flamingo

Phoeniconaias minor

Phoeniconaias minor is the smallest and by far the most numerous flamingo, with a global population in the millions, and it makes a living where almost nothing else can. Its core habitat is East Afri…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Phoenicopteridae
Habitat: Alkaline and saline lakes
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 20-40 years
Weight: 1.2–2.7 kg
Scientific name: Phoeniconaias minor

Did you know?

- Despite their abundance in certain areas, the majority of Lesser Flamingos breed at only a handful of sites, making their populations vulnerable to h…
- Lesser flamingo chicks sometimes develop heavy anklets of crystallised soda that build up on their legs during the walk from the nesting flats and ca…

What I learned

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