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Roseate Spoonbill

Platalea ajaja

The Roseate Spoonbill is a striking wading bird known for its vibrant pink plumage and distinctive, spatula-shaped bill. Found in marshes, mangroves, and wetlands of the Americas, this bird feeds by ...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Threskiornithidae

Habitat: Marshes, mangroves, and coastal wetlands

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 1.2-1.8 kg

Scientific name: *Platalea ajaja*

Did you know?

- Unlike flamingos, the Roseate Spoonbill's pink coloration can fade if their diet lacks enough crustaceans and other pigment-rich foods.
- Roseate Spoonbills get their pink color from carotenoid pigments found in their diet, mainly crustaceans. They use their unique spoon-shaped bills to...

What I learned
