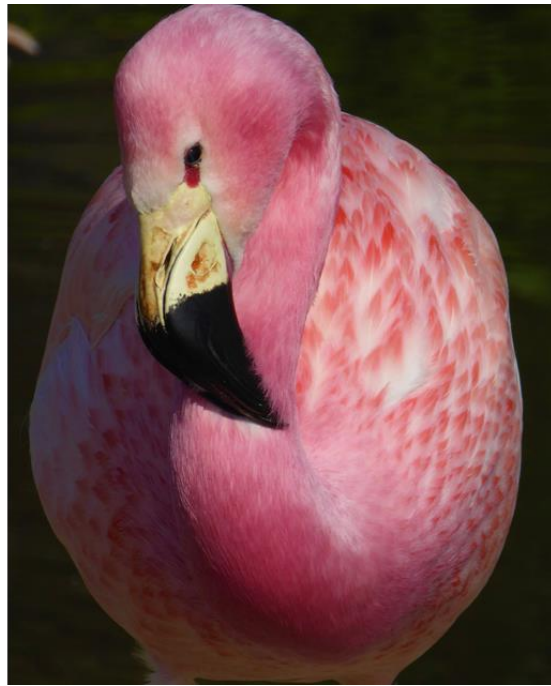


Fast Flamingo Facts!



Andean flamingo (*Phoenicoparrus andinus*)

Parina grande



“Crimson bird of ill omen from the Andes”

The rarest flamingo, the most colourful species and the only flamingo with yellow legs.

Shares its range with Chilean and puna flamingos, and will breed in mixed colonies with puna flamingos.

Andean and puna flamingos are closely related; they differ from other flamingo species because they don't have a hind toe.

Andean flamingos have a deep-keeled bill, packed with many fine bristles (lamellae) to filter microscopic plant material.

Habitat: A highly specialised flamingo, restricted to high mountain alkaline and salt-lakes at elevations of 2300-4500m.

Distribution: Found at specific locations within Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Peru.

Population size: Up to 38,000 birds.

Population trend: Currently stable. Experienced a large population decline in the 1980s-90s from an estimated 100,000 birds.

In the zoo: Unlikely to be seen in zoological collections.

Watch them in action here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXHabTYkVtM>

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