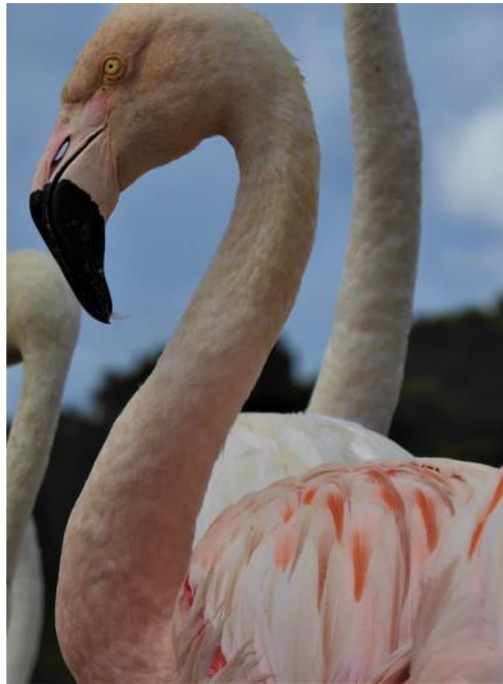


Fast Flamingo Facts!



Chilean flamingo (*Phoenicopterus chilensis*)

Flamenco austral



“Crimson winged of Chile”

Spot this flamingo by its distinctive bright pink ankles (not knees!) that stand out from its grey legs.

Adults can be up to 130cm tall- they are smaller than their close relatives, the greater and Caribbean flamingos.

It has a shallow-keeled bill, containing coarse bristles (lamellae) for sieving tiny animal and plant material from the water.

Lives at high altitudes so can withstand very low temperatures.

Habitat: Coastal and marine wetlands, inland and upland lakes.

Distribution: Down the western side of South America, including Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Argentina. Has been known to fly over to the Falkland Islands.

Population size: Up to 300,000 birds.

Population trend: Decreasing.

In the zoo: Common in zoological collections worldwide.

Watch them in action here:

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