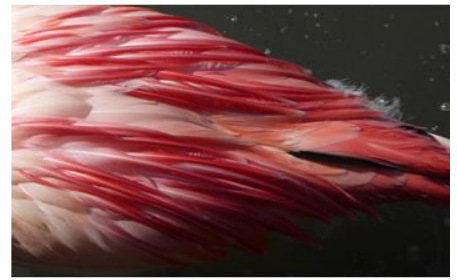


# Fast Flamingo Facts!



"Crimson bird of ill omen named after James"

Puna flamingo (*Phoenicoparrus jamesi*)

James's flamingo

Parina chica



The smallest American species (90cm tall and 2kg in weight), puna flamingos have banana yellow bills and bright orange legs.

A deep-keeled bill with fine bristles (lamellae) filters for microscopic algae. Puna flamingos have 21 lamellae per cm of bill space.

Shares its range with Chilean and (closely related) Andean flamingos, and will breed in mixed colonies with Andean flamingos.

Differs from other flamingo species because it has no hind toe (called a hallux).

Habitat: A highly specialised flamingo, found in saline lakes in high Andean plateaus.

So remote is this bird's habitat that it was thought extinct until rediscovery in 1956!

Distribution: Specific locations in north-west Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Peru.

Population size: Up to 106,000 birds.

Population trend: Stable.

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

Watch them in action here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0ltyOrKnjs>

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