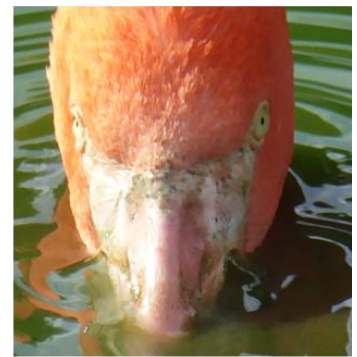


Fast Flamingo Facts!



"Red
crimson
winged"

Caribbean flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) American, Cuban or rosy flamingo



The brightest of all flamingos and the largest species of flamingo found in the Americas. Similar in body shape to the greater flamingo.

Adults can be up to 145cm tall and weigh nearly 3kg.

It has a shallow-keeled bill, containing coarse bristles (lamellae) for sieving food. Filters for brine shrimps and other crustaceans, and some algae too.

Has a highly developed salt gland so that it can drink saline water.

Habitat: Marine and coastal wetlands.

Distribution: the Caribbean basin with important sites in Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Venezuela, and Bonaire. An isolated population is found on the Galapagos Islands.

Population size: Up to 330,000 birds.

Population trend: Increasing.

In the zoo: Common in zoological collections worldwide.

Watch them in action here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6M4Gx3VSYps>

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