

Global flamingo population estimates (2020)

Wild populations

Species	Population (max. estimate) Population trend	IUCN Red List classification Assessment date
Greater flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	680,000 Increasing	Least Concern 07/08/2018
Caribbean (American) flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	330,000 Increasing	Least Concern 09/08/2018
Chilean flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	300,000 Decreasing	Near Threatened (A3cd) 09/08/2018
Andean flamingo <i>Phoenicoparrus andinus</i>	38,675 Stable	Vulnerable (A2acd+4acd) 01/10/2016
Puna (James's) flamingo <i>Phoenicoparrus jamesi</i>	106,000 Stable	Near Threatened (A3cd) 01/10/2016
Lesser flamingo <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	3,240,000 Decreasing	Near Threatened (A2c+3c+4c) 07/08/2018

Captive populations

Species	Estimated global holding* November 2019	Number of institutions* November 2019
Greater flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	8253 birds	202
Caribbean (American) flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	6333 birds	173
Chilean flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	5993 birds	188
Andean flamingo <i>Phoenicoparrus andinus</i>	32 birds	2
Puna (James's) flamingo <i>Phoenicoparrus jamesi</i>	7 birds	2
Lesser flamingo <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	1505 birds	65

* Data from zoological collections that provide information to the Zoological Information Management System database (ZIMS) from species360.

For the time period November 2019 to November 2020, the captive population of the greater flamingo increased, with 13 more holders registered on ZIMS and an increase of 357 birds across all species360 zoos. Holders of Caribbean flamingos increased by four new zoos, but the global captive population of this flamingo species decreased by 99 birds. There is no change to the number of holders of Chilean, Andean, puna and lesser flamingos. The captive Chilean flamingo population increased by 174 birds. Captive Andean flamingo and puna flamingo populations both decreased by one bird, and the captive population of lesser flamingos decreased by 42 birds.

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