

Global flamingo population estimates (2021)

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>	38,000 Decreasing	Vulnerable (A2acd+4acd) 19/08/2020
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 2021	Number of institutions* November 2021
Greater flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	8324 birds	204
Caribbean (American) flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	6402 birds	181
Chilean flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	6136 birds	187
Andean flamingo <i>Phoenicoparrus andinus</i>	31 birds	2
Puna (James's) flamingo <i>Phoenicoparrus jamesi</i>	7 birds	2
Lesser flamingo <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	1471 birds	61

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

For the time period November 2020 to November 2021, the captive population of the greater flamingo increased, with two more holders registered on ZIMS and an increase of 71 birds across all species360 zoos. Holders of Caribbean flamingos increased by eight new institutions, and the global captive population of this flamingo species increased by 69 birds. Holders of Chilean flamingos decreased by one institution, but the ZIMS-registered captive population increased by 143 individual birds. There was no change to the number of holders of Andean and puna flamingos. The population of captive Andean flamingo decreased by one bird and there was no change in the captive population of puna flamingos. The captive

population of lesser flamingos decreased by 34 birds and the number of holders of this flamingo species decreased by four institutions.

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