

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 individual sex unknown
3. Parish:
Orleans
4. Specific Locality:
Lake Catherine, ebird hotspot Flamingo Pond
5. Date(s) when observed: 10/1/23
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:20 am
7. Reporting observer: Paul Wood
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Julie Wood
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
None
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright morning light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Binoculars 8x42 good condition, Canon SX70
12. Distance to bird(s): several hundred yards
13. Duration of observation: 39 minutes
14. Habitat: Pond connected to Lake Catherine, brackish lake
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Feeding. Relatively calm even when a group of birders got fairly close.

16. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

Large unmistakable pink bird with a large bill.

17. Voice: Did not vocalize.

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Roseate spoonbill is the closest bird, which is smaller with very different bill features.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Photographs by Paul Wood, attached

20. Previous experience with this species: Only in zoos, but many times

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

Other birders -- this is a very popular bird right now.

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes. This is an unmistakable bird and many birders are flocking to see it.

24. Date report completed:

10/1/23

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes



