

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: American flamingo, phoenicopterus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
13
3. Parish:
Terrebonne Parish
4. Specific Locality:
Raccoon Island
5. Date(s) when observed: September 4, 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:00 PM
7. Reporting observer: Ellen Ogden
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Nathan Cantwell, Newt Ogden, Rodney Gannuch
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full sunlight
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8x Vortex Binocular on iPhone lens
12. Distance to bird(s): 100 yards
13. Duration of observation: 35 minutes
14. Habitat: Sandy barrier Island
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): We saw two fly in, then 11 more follow and land to mosey. Didn't observe feeding.

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):

Long legs, long neck, no spoonbill.

17. Voice:

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

Roseate Spoonbill. When the birds landed the species was immediately apparent, plus photos.

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

Photographs from Ellen Ogden via binoculars on iPhone.

20. Previous experience with this species: None in the wild!

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

Not needed

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes. Photos.

24. Date report completed:

10/11/25

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





