

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):
13 - various unknown to me
3. Parish:
Terrebonne
4. Specific Locality:
west end of Raccoon Island (approx. 29°03'00.4"N 90°55'36.2"W)
5. Date(s) when observed: 6.30.2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:50 am
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Charlotte Chehostky, David Booth, Sarah Williams, Lawrence Datnoff, Captain. Ryan Folse
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
None with us today but others have gone before, Connor Cable, Devin & Justin Bosler, Jane Patterson, Katherine Gividen to name some I am aware of
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): good lighting
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): We stayed a good distance away, 100 yards maybe
13. Duration of observation: 30 minutes or more...circled around the island and came back a second time before leaving
14. Habitat: Barrier island off the coast of Terrebonne Parish...sand dunes with some green growth. Lots of nesting birds mostly gulls, terns and brown pelicans.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Birds were walking, preening, drinking. They were not afraid of boat presence as other boats were fishing on the other side probably closer than we were. The boats did move the birds but they walked back. They seemed to move back and forth as a matter of habit.

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):

The birds are a pinkish orange with black wing edges. Very long legs and long neck. It has a large beak with large black tip. Most birds were similar in size and height but a couple did vary in size.

17. Voice: Did not hear

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

Roseate Spoonbill - not really similar but similar in color. Spoonbill does not have long neck and has a spoon shaped bill.

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

By me. We all took photos though.

20. Previous experience with this species: Have seen 3 different sightings in Louisiana in 2013 - Jefferson, Cameron and Terrebonne.

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

None

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

7.1.2025

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





