## **LBRC Report Form**

1. English and Scientific names: American flamingo 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 3. Parish: Orleans 4. Specific Locality: 30.09123, -89.77474 5. Date(s) when observed: 9/30/2023 6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:45 a.m. 7. Reporting observer: Forest Burks 8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): Holly Morales and Claire 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): Sunny 11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Spotting scope, 30x, on a tripod 12. Distance to bird(s): 250 m 13. Duration of observation: 30 mins. 14. Habitat: Pond 15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): 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):

Large, pale pink, long legged and long necked, with a heavy, downward curved ~6" beak.

- 17. Voice: N/a
- 18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Roseate spoonbills have naked grayish colored heads with large spoonbills.
- 19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photo by me.
- 20. Previous experience with this species: Only in books and zoos.
- 21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

Other birders

- 22. Identification aids used when? At time of sighting
- 23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes
- 24. Date report completed: 9/30/2023
- 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

