

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):
One adult all pink plumage
3. Parish:
Orleans
4. Specific Locality:
Lake Catherine, New Orleans, Chef Menteur Hwy
5. Date(s) when observed: September 29, 2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:12 pm
7. Reporting observer: Holly Cox
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Eric Johnson, Joseph Aubert
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Several same day Ebird checklists prior to my observation time. Dr. Jennifer Coulson Ebird list with several in her group.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Bright sun with few clouds above as I looked south from road at bird
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon HD 8x42 binoculars and Eric Johnson's scope (not sure of power) Also Canon Mark II 7D with 100-400mm lens
12. Distance to bird(s): Approximately 50-60 yards
13. Duration of observation: 36 minutes
14. Habitat: Small lake surrounded by marsh on edge of Gulf of Mexico
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Walking in small circles in shallow water foraging for food with head under water which it did

appear to find. Never flew. Toward the end of my observation it lifted and tucked one leg and rested.

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 slender pink wader. Really long legs darker pink at joints and long neck. Chunky down curved pinkish bill with black tip. Yellow eyes. Much larger than Roseate Spoonbill and different bill shape. Could see some black on wing tips at times when preening. Not banded.

17. Voice: No vocalization heard

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

Larger than ROSP with uniform pink color over entire plumage, longer pink legs darker pink at joints and hooked bill not spoon shaped. No other "wild" flamingos likely.

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

Holly Cox - attached

20. Previous experience with this species: None with AMFL. Have seen Chilean Flamingos in wild before.

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

Prior to this observation- Ibird Ultimate App, Sibleys App, photos of other storm blown AMFL sightings on Ebird, online news and social media apps.

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

September 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









