

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
3. Parish:
Orleans
4. Specific Locality:
30°05'22.9"N 89°46'27.9"W, Flamingo Pond Hotspot, Lake Catherine
5. Date(s) when observed: 9/30/23
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:39 am, observed for about 45 minutes
7. Reporting observer: Holly Morales
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Claire Thomas, Forest Burks, and about 12 other birders.
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. Bird was observed from the side of Hwy. 90, in the southerly direction, toward the far bank of the pond.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Photo taken with Panasonic Lumix DC-FZ80 at full digital zoom. Observed with Vanguard Endeavor ED 8x42 binoculars, good condition, and used another birders spotting scope of unknown type and power.
12. Distance to bird(s): 450 ft
13. Duration of observation: 45 min.
14. Habitat: pond

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Wading in shallow pond, occasionally 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):

Extremely large wader, all light/medium pink with some darker pink at tail, very long neck, very large thick light gray bill with black tip, pink legs.

17. Voice: Did not vocalize.

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

Comparing to roseate spoonbill - the only other pink wading bird, it was taller, had longer legs, longer neck, shorter non-flat bill.

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

Photo by me, attached.

20. Previous experience with this species: I have not observed this species in the wild, only captivity.

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

Audubon Birds app., 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:

9/30/23

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

