

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 male mature bird
3. Parish:
Plaquemines Parish
4. Specific Locality:
West Bay Venice Louisiana. On shallow flat south side of second spillway off the southwest pass of the Mississippi River.
5. Date(s) when observed: September 24, 2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:30am to about 1:30pm
7. Reporting observer: Frank Praznik
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Sam Sunberg
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Sam Sunberg
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright Clear skies bird was glowing in the sun. We were positioned southeast of the bird.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): I-phone 12
12. Distance to bird(s): Probably got about 40 to 50 yards away
13. Duration of observation: At least 3 hours we were fishing nearby
14. Habitat: Shallow flat off cordgrass marsh
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Feeding heavily!

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):

Mature healthy looking bird actively feeding. Hot pink. Long neck and legs. Black coloration on end of beak. Definitely NOT!! A spoonbill.

17. Voice: None bird was silent

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

From a distance at first, I thought it could've been a spoonbill, but the bright pink color got me curious and I went closer and 100% identified flamingo.

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

Frank Praznik

20. Previous experience with this species: I've seen them in the Everglades.

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

I had no problem, identifying the bird as a flamingo. Active user of The Merlin app, and also eBird and other birding friends!

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

100% positive ID

24. Date report completed:

Monday, October 23, 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



