

## 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, Juvenile, sex unknown,
3. Parish:  
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:  
29°53'05.6"N 93°04'40.4"W
5. Date(s) when observed: October 28, 2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:00 pm, 1500 (UTC-5)
7. Reporting observer: Randy Soto
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Was not identified until after examining photos from area
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
David Booth by photo submitted by Randy Soto for review on October 28, 2023, James Smithers, on October 29, 2023 observed individual at same location.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny day, later in the afternoon, looking southeast by south at area where bird was foraging in marsh
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon EOS r5, Sigma Sports Lens 60-600mm f/4.5-6.3
12. Distance to bird(s): 3000 feet
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes, but only due to photographs taken in area that were later observed to show individual
14. Habitat: Marsh and Coastal prairie

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Foraging, individual was foraging around other species of birds such as Limpkins and waterfowl.

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):

In photograph, individual, mainly white with dark shading in wing coverts. Neck with dark shading as head was submerged while feeding, teardrop body, long neck, long legs

17. Voice: None heard

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

Only shorebirds, Limpkins and snowy egrets were seen exhibiting similar foraging behavior with head down. Individual American Flamingo exhibited teardrop body, long neck, long legs.

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

Photos taken by myself (Randy Soto), <https://ebird.org/checklist/S153312203>

20. Previous experience with this species: Most recently I observed an adult American Flamingo in Kansas, Chase County State Lake, Chase County, Kansas. on October 3, 2023

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

Birds of the World, All About Birds, previous personal experience with species

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

Started October 28, 2023 with President of Louisiana Ornithological Society, final report submitted December 13, 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

