

# FLAMINGOS

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### 1. What bird order do flamingos belong to?

- a) Because of their coloration, they are classified in the order Psittaciformes (parrots).
- b) According to their typical mating call, they are classified in the order Passeriformes (songbirds).
- c) They are classified in a separate order, Phoenicopteriformes.

### 2. How many species of flamingos are there?

- a) 3
- b) 6
- c) 9

### 3. Flamingos are usually found near:

- a) flowing rivers
- b) standing water
- c) dry habitats

### 4. What makes flamingo feathers pink?

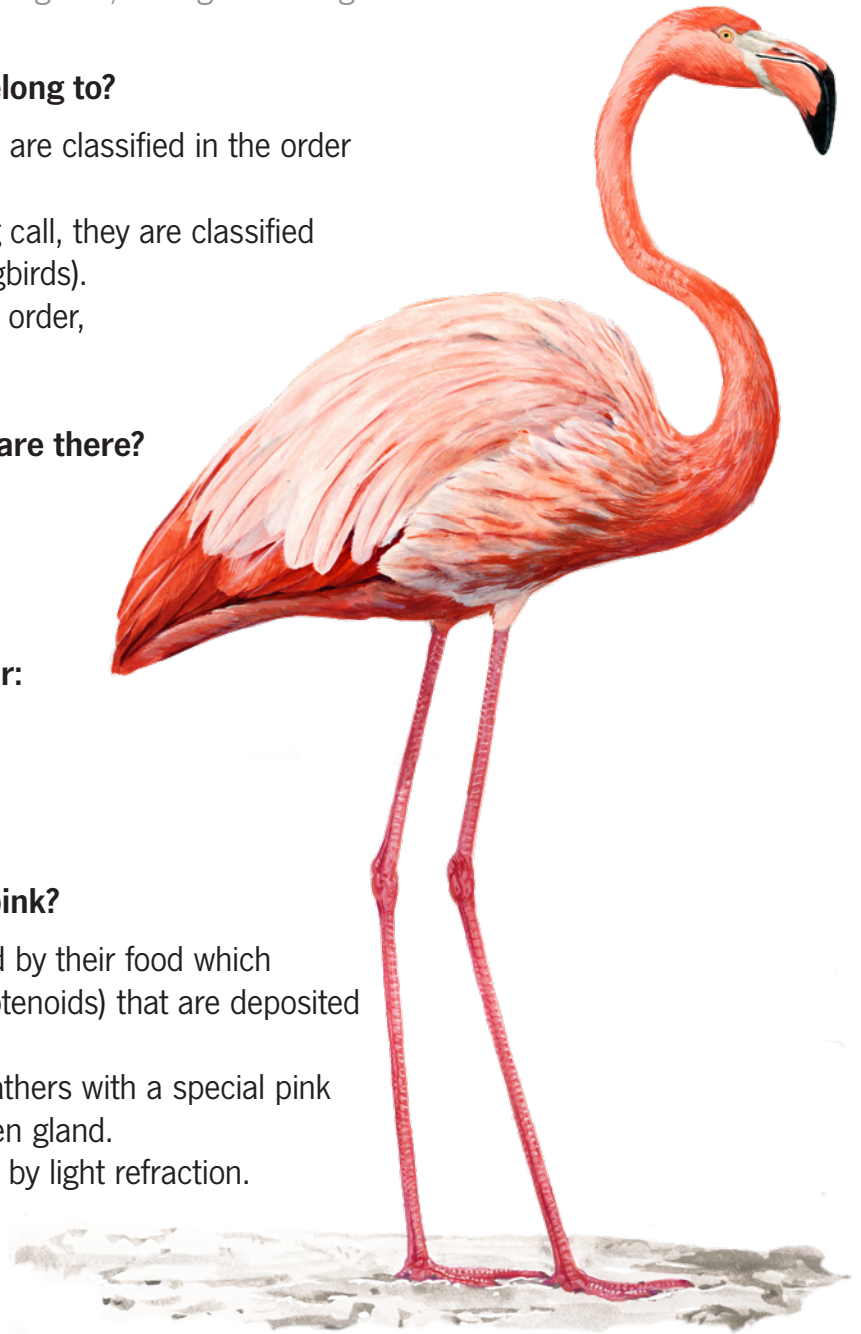
- a) Flamingos' colouration is caused by their food which contains pigments (such as carotenoids) that are deposited in their feathers.
- b) Flamingos regularly dye their feathers with a special pink secretion secreted from the preen gland.
- c) This is an optical illusion caused by light refraction. The feathers are actually white.

### 5. Choose the correct statement:

- a) Flamingos lay 1-2 eggs.
- b) It usually takes two months for flamingos to incubate their eggs.
- c) As a rule, it is only the male that incubates the eggs.

### 6. The largest flamingo species, which is the only one that lives in Europe, is:

- a) the Chilean flamingo
- b) the American flamingo
- c) the greater flamingo



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### 7. Choose the correct statement:

- a) Flamingo chicks are black when they hatch.
- b) Flamingo chicks have a straight and short beak.
- c) Flamingo chicks are not fed; they obtain their own food immediately after hatching.

### 8. Flamingos are not found:

- a) in the Americas
- b) in Australia
- c) in Africa

### 9. The most endangered flamingo species is:

- a) the greater flamingo
- b) the American flamingo
- c) the Andean flamingo

### 10. Flamingos are known for their longevity.

**A female American flamingo called „FHF“ lived at Prague Zoo for at least:**

- a) 38 years
- b) 58 years
- c) 78 years





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Answers: 1c; 2b; 3b; 4a; 5a; 6c; 7b; 8b; 9c; 10b

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