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fla·min·go 🔊 (flə-mĭng gō)

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n. pl. **fla·min·gos** or **fla·min·goes**

1. Any of several large wading birds of the family Phoenicopteridae, primarily of tropical regions, having reddish or pinkish plumage, long legs, a long flexible neck, and a bill turned downward at the tip.
2. A moderate reddish orange.

[Portuguese *flamengo* or Spanish *flamenco*, both probably from Old Provençal *flamenc*, from *flama*, flame, from Latin *flamma*; see **bhel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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flamingo

lesser flamingo

Phoeniconaias minor

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