



Andean Flamingo (*Phoenicoparrus andinus*)

Size: Height, 100 - 140 cm; wingspan, 160 - 180 cm **Weight:** 2 - 2.4 kg **Habitat:** Found primarily on high Andean plateaus **Surviving number:** Estimated at approx. 38,000



Photographed by Chris Stenger

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Micro eater. The Andean flamingo's bill features a sieve that filters particles approximately the width of a human hair from the shallow water of salt lakes. During breeding season, this striking bird devotes more than 80% of its time to feeding; during the winter, it spares more time for social interactions and displays. But over time its breeding sites have been compromised due to

activities including mining and large-scale water usage. With this habitat degradation, the challenges ahead are anything but small.

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