



ROSEATE SPOONBILL



QUICK FACTS

Scientific Name: *Platalea ajaja*

Population: ~200,000 (estimated)

Lifespan: 10-15 years (wild), up to 28 years (captivity)

Size: 0.7-0.9 m tall (2.3-3 ft); wingspan 1.2-1.3 m

Weight: 1.2-1.8 kg (2.6-4 lb)

Speed: Up to 40 km/h (25 mph)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Color:** Pink with red shoulders
- **Sensory Adaptations:** Touch bill, vision
- **Limb & Tail Functionality:** Long legs, broad wings

FUN FACT !

Bill sweeps side to side



IUCN Red list category
Least Concern



HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION



Range: Americas

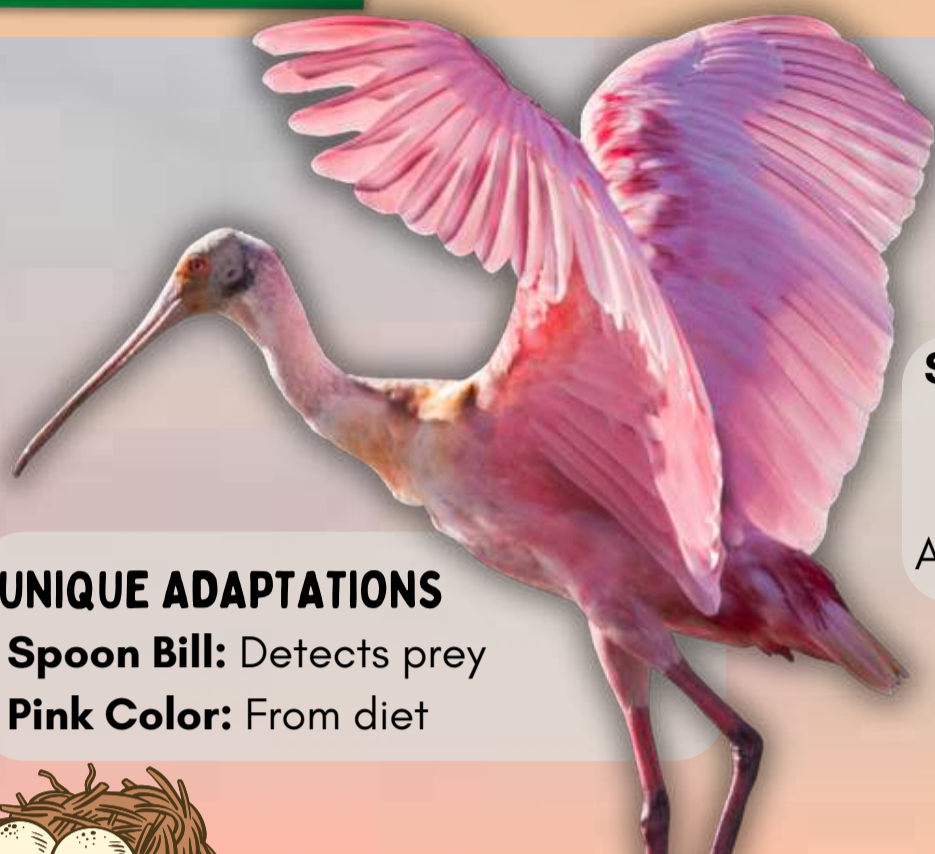
Preferred Habitat: Coastal marshes, mangroves

Elevation Range: 0-100 m (0-328 ft)



DIET & NUTRITION

Primary Diet: Small fish, crustaceans
Foraging Method: Sweeps bill in water
Adaptations: Sensitive bill



Survival Score:
Strength: 4/10
Stealth: 5/10
Adaptability: 7/10

UNIQUE ADAPTATIONS

Spoon Bill: Detects prey
Pink Color: From diet



REPRODUCTION & LIFE CYCLE

Mating Season: Winter-Spring
Gestation: 22-24 days (incubation)
Clutch Size: 2-4 eggs
Parental Care: Both parents feed 5-6 weeks



ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

Role: Wetland health
Indicator Species: Signals shrimp abundance
Cultural Significance: Florida icon

THREATS

Habitat loss, pollution



CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Wetland protection



Call to Action: Protect mangroves, reduce pollution, spread awareness

INTERESTING FACTS

Pink from carotene

Bill 20 cm wide

Colonial nester

