

# Animal Facts:

## Wading Birds

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Hérons are large wading birds that hunt for fish in shallow lakes and rivers. There are about 60 species.



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When hunting, a heron stands alone in the water, often on one leg, apparently asleep. Then it makes a lightning dart with its long beak to spear fish or frog.



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Heron usually nest in colonies called heronries. They build loose stick nests in the trees.



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Storks are very large black and white water birds with long necks and legs. There are 17 species of stork.



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The white stork lives in Eurasia in the summer, and then migrates to Africa, India and southern China in the winter.



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White storks  
build twig  
nests on  
roofs, and  
some people  
think they  
bring luck to  
the house  
they nest on.

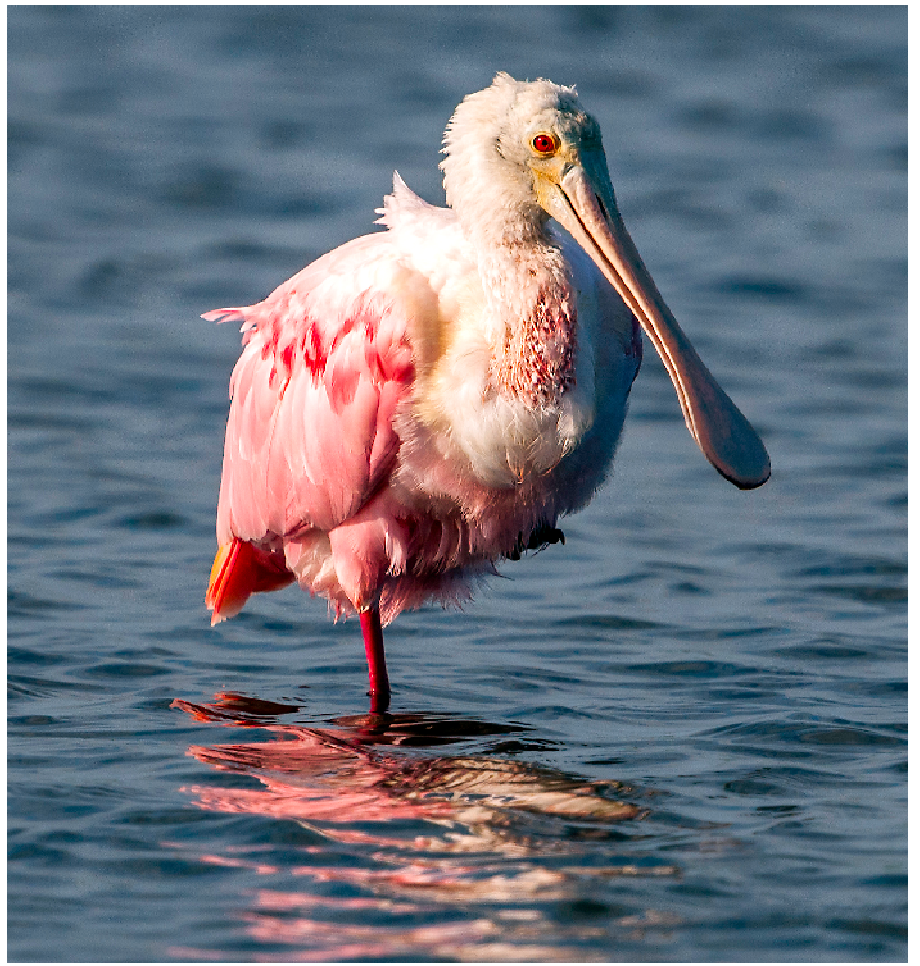


Flamingoes  
are large pink  
wading birds  
which live in  
huge colonies  
on tropical  
lakes.





Spoonbills  
and ibises are  
wading birds  
whose bills  
are sensitive  
enough to let  
them feel their  
prey moving  
in the water.



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There are 28  
species of  
spoonbill  
and ibis.



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Spoonbills's  
name comes  
from its spoon  
shaped bill,  
which it  
swings  
through the  
water to scoop  
up fish.

