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Greater Flamingo



Flamant rose

Phoenicopterus roseus

Cannot be confused. Overall colouration white with pink shades. Red coverts and black primaries. Pink legs. Blush pink beak with black tip. In flight, very long neck and outstretched legs.

Young: white with grey-brown shading without pink and red.

L. 120-145 cm ; E. 140-170 cm.

Adult with one egg



Adult



T.Blanchon

Adult with 2 days chick



Chickstage

1-3 days	white down, pinkish-orange bill and legs, egg-tooth prominent. Brooded for long periods, stands with difficulty day 3
4-6 days	greyish-white down, bill and legs pink becoming greyish, egg-tooth still visible. Stands easily day 5
7-9 days	greyish down, bill and legs grey with black joints developing at day 7 and obvious day 9. Actively walks around on nest, pecking at objects, trampling with feet and beating tiny wings. By day 9 wanders out of the nest. In a stretched stance, chicks crown is height of average female's leg joint by day 7 or half way up average male's tarsus.
10-11 days	greyish down, bill and legs grey
12 days	legs black, bill slightly curved
15-16 days	dark grey down with a noticeably darker patch on back of head. Chicks back is on level with female's leg joint, its crown on a level with male's leg joint.
27 days	uniform dark grey down. Feather tracts barely visible but form of closed wing discernable above lower back.
50 days	back and wings are feathered ; the leading edge of the closed wing is hidden under feathers on flanks. Belly and tail are white, neck and breast buffish.



2-3 days



15 days



30 days



50 days



90 days