

Lesser Flamingo

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Lesser Flamingo Latest News

A rare sighting of a lesser flamingo (popularly known as Raj Hamsa) near the Fish Mill in Malpe has created excitement among bird enthusiasts and ornithologists alike.

About Lesser Flamingo

- It is the **smallest** and **most numerous of the world's flamingo species**.
- Scientific Name: *Phoeniconaias minor*
- **Distribution:** This species is indigenous to **sub-Saharan Africa and western India**, with occasional sightings further north, typically regarded as vagrants.
- **Habitat:** Lesser flamingos favor environments with **highly alkaline or saline lakes, lagoons, and mudflats**.

Lesser Flamingo Features

- Lesser Flamingos stand out with their vivid **pink colouring, long thin legs, and striking red eyes**.

- Their **bills are unique, deep red with a prominent black tip**, and are specially adapted to filter-feed on microscopic algae and diatoms.
- It possesses the **“hallux” or hind toe**, that some other flamingos do not have.
- On average, adult **males** measure **significantly larger than females**.
- It is **serially monogamous**, meaning they form pairs that remain together while they are raising the young.
- It is a **gregarious bird, often found in large flocks**. They are known for their synchronized movements and group behaviors.

Lesser Flamingo Conservation Status

It is classified as **‘Near Threatened’** under the IUCN Red List.

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