

## **Video: Flamingoes feeding their babies with 'red milk' surprised many people**

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The sight of flamingos producing blood-like red kites for their youngsters, shared by Science Channel on Facebook on February 19, 2020 attracted more than 8.5 million views after just one week.

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In the video, a flamingo father is helping the mother feed the young by using her head and beak to guide the kite milk into the baby's mouth. Young flamingoes will depend on kite milk for about 2 months after hatching.

Flamingos are large birds with long necks, sticky feet and pink or red feathers. The distinctive feather color of flamingos comes from the fact that they feed on pigments found in algae and invertebrates.



Flamingos have the ability to stand on one leg, even when sleeping, they stand in that position. This helps them minimize the amount of heat the body consumes while standing underwater.

Most flamingos only produce one egg at a time. Each flamingo egg weighs between 115 grams and 140 grams. The female flamingo can also lay two eggs at a time, but it is very rare for both eggs to hatch.

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