

## GREATER FLAMINGO

*Phoenicopterus ruber*



Greater flamingo stand nearly 1.5m in height and can weigh up to 4kg. They lay a single egg on a mud-mound in shallow water between April-July or December-February.

Young flamingos are grey in colour until they turn pink at two years old. The pink colour is derived from pigments in the organisms they eat – algae and crustaceans.

**EAD's Flamingo Monitoring Programme has been carefully observing Abu Dhabi's 20,000-strong flamingo population for many years. Designation of protected areas ensuring the safety of this species is having a positive impact on the breeding population.**

Greater flamingo range from Africa to Southern Asia and the Western Mediterranean.

