

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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Pretty in pink: five flamingos hatch at the zoo ***Eggs acquired from Zoo Atlanta***



WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo is tickled pink to announce that over the past few weeks, five Chilean flamingos have hatched off exhibit. The new chicks mark the first hatching of the species since 2016. The five chicks bring the zoo's flock to 48 flamingos. The sexes will be determined, and they will be named in the near future.

The press is invited to go behind the scenes for a feeding session and exercise walk-about with the chicks. The exercise session outdoors allows the chicks to walk and stretch to strengthen their legs.

A team of dedicated and expert zoo staff are hand-raising and hand-feeding the chicks behind the scenes. In about 30 days, the chicks should be able to eat on their own.

Chilean flamingo chicks hatch with a whitish, gray down and can acquire extensive pink feathering that can be mixed with gray-brown contour feathers at about 1 year of age. Juveniles usually have full pink feathering by 2 to 3 years of age. These hardy, social birds of South America stand an impressive 40 to 42 inches tall and can live as long as 70 years.

WHEN: **Friday, September 22, 2:00–3:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Behind the scenes at hand-rearing facility. Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

INFO: The eggs were acquired from Zoo Atlanta because Woodland Park Zoo's existing flock is aging and no longer breeding. The eggs were selected under the [Flamingo Species Survival Plan](#), a cooperative breeding program across accredited zoos to help ensure a healthy, self-sustaining population of the species.

The five chicks will soon join the zoo's [ambassador animals](#) program. The ambassador animals help build guests' empathy for animals and promote ways to take action for wildlife. Guests have the opportunity to meet these incredible animals through engaging, up-close experiences at the zoo's theaters and other programs across the zoo. When not in a program, the chicks will live with the zoo's flock of adult flamingos.

Chilean flamingos have a range that extends from an elevation of 15,420 feet in the altiplano (high mountain plateau) to lowland saline estuaries where some overwinter along the southwest Chilean coast. The flamingo habitat at the zoo mimics the coastal salt marshes and estuaries of the temperate forest zone of Chile, specifically the island of Chiloé where flamingos find winter refuge.

To celebrate the hatchings, become a Digital ZooParent by adopting a Chilean flamingo. The [ZooParent](#) program supports the zoo's animal care,

education and wildlife conservation efforts in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

Zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily.

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