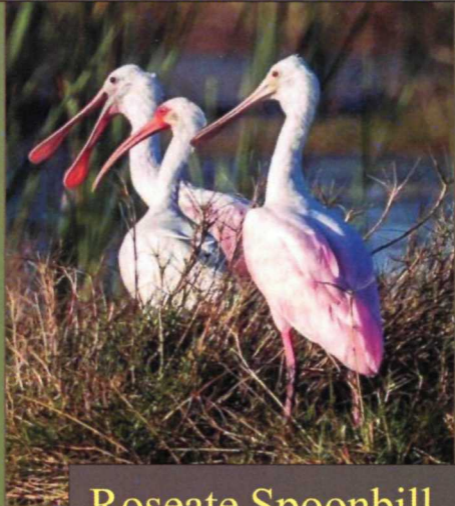




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*(Ajaja ajaja)*

Once hunted for their pale pink feathers at the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Roseate Spoonbill populations are continuing to recover. These birds are often mistaken for the Greater Flamingo due to their pink color that comes from the food they eat. Their flattened, spoon-shaped bill probes and strains shallow water for small fish, insects, amphipods and plant material.

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