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A group of 2 adult and 4 juvenile roseate spoonbills have returned to Huntington Beach State Park for the 4th summer. The adults, who may be birds returning to the park from the previous years, have the characteristic bald head showing their greenish skin and are much pinker than the younger birds. The adults also display a darker red, almost “paint drip”-like pattern on their feathers.

These birds are more frequently seen along the Gulf coast of Florida, where most of them still winter. At Huntington Beach State Park, the best time and place to observe them is when the tide is low in the salt marsh along the causeway. Here they can be observed feeding in the shallow tidal creeks on grass shrimp, frequently alongside other wading birds such as wood storks, white ibis, and various herons and egrets.



Lori Faris Huffer They're beautiful! :)

at 18:31:24 on 7/10/2012 UTC



Avis Havel Hutchinson beautiful! can you tell us how long they stay up here?

at 18:31:38 on 7/10/2012 UTC



Marianne Revie Have seen them the last two days.

at 18:54:46 on 7/10/2012 UTC



Trish Gibson-Grossmann Wow, they are spectacular!!!

at 22:13:11 on 7/10/2012 UTC



Jenny Timmons Cox I saw these last weekend! My friend and I were commenting aaabout how unusual they were.

at 1:13:18 on 7/12/2012 UTC