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Flamingoes become newest addition to Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium

Feathered fan favorites just latest reason to visit America's number one "Best New Attraction"

Springfield, Mo. – On the heels of welcoming a colony of gentoo penguins in December, Wonders of Wildlife National Aquarium and Museum today unveiled its newest addition, six lesser flamingoes, located inside the Swamp at Night exhibit.

Following its grand opening in September, the immersive exhibits at Wonders of Wildlife have quickly earned it a reputation as one of the best museums and aquariums in the country. In January, the attraction was voted as America's number one Best New Attraction in *USA TODAY*'s nationally recognized contest.

Lesser flamingoes can be found across Europe, Africa and Asia where there are coastal mud flats. A distinct characteristic of the flamingoes is the pose in which they feed, with their long necks bent over and their bills upside down in the water, which is their filtration system for consuming foods such as blue-green algae and shrimp.

The six male birds, which come from the Fort Worth Zoo in Texas, were part of a Species Survival Plan (SSP), which is an effort to scientifically manage the population of lesser flamingoes across zoos and aquariums in North America. They are one of several bird species that call Wonders of Wildlife home; others include gentoo penguins, bald eagles, aracari toucans and great horned owls.

Lesser Flamingo Fast Facts:

- 31-36 inches tall
- 3-5 pounds
- Smallest of all flamingo species
- Pigments in their shrimp and algae diet result in their light pink coloring

About Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium

Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium consists of an all-new 1.5 million gallon Aquarium Adventure showcasing 35,000 live fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds, and immersive Wildlife Galleries that bring visitors eye-to-eye with the greatest collection of record-setting game animals ever assembled. Created by noted conservationist and Bass Pro Shops founder/CEO Johnny Morris, the 350,000-square-foot experience celebrates those who hunt, fish, and act as stewards of the land and water. Located next to Bass Pro Shops National Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri the campus is a centerpiece of America's Conservation Capital in Missouri's Ozark Mountains. Wonders of Wildlife was voted as America's Number One Best New Attraction by the readers of *USA TODAY* in 2017. For more information, visit www.wondersofwildlife.org.

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