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## Zoo reveals the winning name for flamingo chick

SEATTLE—The poll results are in to name a Chilean flamingo chick at Woodland Park Zoo. And the top vote getter for the female chick is the mellifluous **Magdalena!** The winning name was chosen through an online poll of names representing national parks in Patagonia, a main region where Chilean flamingos live.

The other choices in the naming poll were Torres, Lauca and Patagonia.

Magdalena was among six flamingo eggs from Zoo Atlanta. Woodland Park Zoo made a request for the eggs because its aging flamingo flock is no longer breeding.

The six flamingos hatched last September at Woodland Park Zoo: four females—Magdalena, Amaya, Rosales, and Gonzo; and two males—Sunny and Bernardo. Friends of the zoo, Glen and Susan Beebe, named Bernardo.

As part of the flamingos' wellness program, the animal keepers take the chicks on daily walks throughout the zoo to stretch and strengthen their legs. The chicks will soon join the zoo's [ambassador animals](#) program, which helps build guests' empathy for animals and promotes ways to take action for wildlife through engaging, up-close experiences across the zoo. When not in a program, the chicks will live with the zoo's flock of adult flamingos in the Temperate Forest.

### Fun Flamingo Facts

- Chilean flamingos have an extensive range throughout much of southern South America in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Uruguay.
- Native South Americans call the flamingo "chogogo," for the sounds it makes while feeding or flying.
- While a group of crows is called a murder and a group of geese a gaggle, a group of flamingos is called a flamboyance!
- Hours before hatching, flamingo chicks begin vocalizing within the egg—this establishes a bond with their parents so they can locate each other in a flock of thousands!

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.

Winter zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. For more information or to become a zoo member, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) or call 206.548.2500. Follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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