

# Prairie Flamingoes

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Flamingoes are out of place on the prairie.  
Incongruently pink.

Still, they pop up  
in gardens,  
on porches.

Bright plastic.  
Long-legged.  
Long-necked.  
Happily intrusive.

Pheasants are a better fit for the prairie.  
Brown and russet.  
Reliable.  
Practical.  
Meaty game.  
Tasty trophies.

Flamingoes are whimsical.  
Standing tall for humor,  
improbable joy,  
and unexpected blessings.