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Pelicans can make excellent mascots for swim teams for several reasons!

Here's why:

1. **Adaptability:** Pelicans are adaptable birds, living in various habitats. Despite facing threats like habitat loss and pollution, they remain resilient and adapt to changing environments. Similarly, swim teams must adapt to different pool conditions and competition levels.
2. **Impressive Flying Skills:** Pelicans are known for their impressive flying abilities, covering long distances in a short amount of time. Swimmers also strive for speed and efficiency in the water, just like pelicans in flight.
3. **Agility and Movement:** Pelicans can move around with surprising agility, both in the air and underwater, and are also known for their spectacular diving skills. Pelicans are migratory birds and can travel long distances during migration. Some species of pelicans travel up to 3,000 miles. Swimmers rely on agility and precise movements during races, making the pelican's mobility relatable to their efforts.
4. **Social Behavior:** Pelicans are social birds often found in large groups called colonies. Swim teams also emphasize teamwork and cooperation, similar to the social dynamics of pelican colonies.
5. **Keen Senses:** Pelicans have a keen sense of sight, which helps them locate fish. Swimmers, too, rely on their senses to navigate the pool and react swiftly during races.
6. **Resilience:** Despite their large size, pelicans can swim underwater. This resilience aligns with the determination swimmers exhibit in overcoming challenges.

Feel free to embrace the pelican as your swim team's mascot!