

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

April 15th – Bird Toys and Stands Sale

Saturday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

April 15th – General Meeting

Saturday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meet and Greet at the Bird Toys and Stands Sale Event

April 22nd – Community Outreach Event

Guardians of the Children 10th Annual Family Funday

Saturday, Noon to 4:00 PM

Location: Balloon Fiesta Park

9401 Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

May 7th – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Bird Toy Workshop

Private Residence, RSVP Required
Albuquerque, NM

Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

Does it seem like time is moving faster than ever?

April is a very busy month for us and Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue.

April 15th is the super-fun bird toys and stands sale, and we're combining our bird club general meeting on the same day. A gilled hotdog lunch will be available for purchase with the proceeds going to the parrot rescue.

HDBC membership has voted to dissolve our library of books. These books will be available throughout the sale day. Leftover books will be donated to the Albuquerque and Rio Rancho libraries.

Community outreach events are being scheduled. The Rio Rancho Garden Expo on April 8th was great fun and a very positive experience. April 22nd is another community outreach event at the Balloon Fiesta Park. See Page 3 for more details.

Fund-raising events for BOAF and other community outreach events are being planned. HDBC general meetings for the next two months will be earlier in the month than usual to work around the busy schedule.

Most important of all, breathe, enjoy your birds, and find your happy place in perfect balance. See you at the bird toys and perches sale on Saturday!

Jennifer Catron

Newsletter Editor



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Bird Club Biz

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2003 Southern Blvd. SE, #102-2
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-3752
www.HighDesertBirdClub.org

Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

General Meetings

Monthly, Usually on a Sunday

Meeting time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location:

Private Residence, usually, but may change depending on weather and availability of space. Location is posted in newsletter and website.

Club Officers

President: Victoria Collier
Vice President: Lauren Forbes
Secretary: Sparky Newell
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier
AFA Delegate: Lauren Forbes
Bird Rescue: Jennifer Catron
Education: Dorothy Newbill
Fundraising: Available
Hospitality: Available
Library: Available
Membership: Available
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron
Raffle: Available
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 2/28/23)	\$1,282.94
Revenue	
Memberships	\$65.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 3/31/23)	\$1347.94

The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a 501(c)(3) educational, public charity recognized by the IRS.

Membership Requirements

Any person interested in cage birds who agrees to support the objectives in the HDDB By-Laws is eligible for membership.

Membership Dues

\$20.00 Individual
\$30.00 Household
\$15.00 Junior (17 or younger)
\$15.00 Senior (60 or older)
\$25.00 Senior Household

Dues are payable in January of each year or at a quarterly pro-rated amount upon joining the Club.

Newsletter Policy

Birdy Bytes is generally issued on a monthly basis. Content from members is encouraged. Content deemed obscene, inflammatory, overtly personal, copyrighted without permission to republish, or insufficiently bird-related may not be published at the discretion of the newsletter Editor.

Newsletter Advertising Policy

Any individual or business that supports HDDB through the donation of money, goods, or services may have a near business-card sized ad published in the newsletter for three months for no cost.

Members may have a text ad of up to 50 words and a reasonable number of supporting photos for no cost. Ads run for two months and may be renewed for two-month increments. Members are responsible for contacting the newsletter Editor to renew their ad.

Advertising space may be purchased. A half-page ad costs \$25 for six months. Additional ad sizes and corresponding rates are available.

Newsletter Editor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertisement based on the appropriateness for *Birdy Bytes*.

To submit content for *Birdy Bytes*, contact Jennifer Catron, Editor, at jrcatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meeting

April 15, 2023

Meet and Greet at the Bird Toys and Stands Sale

Our regular monthly meeting will be held the same day as the bird toys and stands sale. We'll do a little bit of club business and spend the rest of the time talking about our birds or any topic of interest.

Some tables and chairs will be available. We'll be out on the grass in the park. If you have a folding chair or blanket to sit on, please bring whatever you wish.

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Outdoor Venue

Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 98124

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order. Some club officers, members, and guests were present.

New and renewed membership dues were collected.

Community outreach event at the Rio Rancho main library, Garden Expo, is scheduled for April 8, 2023. Request for volunteers to help. Both HDBC and BOAF will participate.

Decision to dissolve the HDBC book library was approved. Offer books at the bird toy sale for donation. Leftovers are to be donated to the city library.

Meeting topic for May is a bird toy workshop; June will be Birdy Bingo.

Meeting adjourned by 5:00 PM.

HDBC Hotline



Our HDBC hotline has been fairly quiet for the end of March and early April.

Only one call inquiring about adopting a parrot was received and referred to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue.

For bird adoptions, surrenders, and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place.

Community Outreach

HDBC and Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue are invited to participate in Guardians of the Children 10th Annual Family Funday.



BOAF and Jerry Tuttle with his Zoo Crew have participated in this event before. This is a first time for HDBC. We'll have tables with our information and some birdie ambassadors to answer questions people may have about the bird club, parrot rescue, or pet birds in general.

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Time: Noon – 4:00 PM

Location: Balloon Fiesta Park

9401 Balloon Fiesta Parkway NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

If you are interested in volunteering for this community outreach event, please reach out to Jennifer Catron, (505) 235-2803.



The community outreach event on April 8, 2023 at the Rio Rancho Garden Expo was great fun.

We met a lot of people interested in gardening and birds. Our tables were quite popular which helped increase awareness about the bird club and parrot rescue.

We had several birdie ambassadors who were very polite and well mannered, and one not so much.



Magoo, a Bare-Eyed Cockatoo, Being Rude to Yvonne Patino

Thank you to the volunteers that helped at this event: Jennifer Aldaz, Lindsey Brown, Dorothy Newbill, Carolyn Newell, Sparky Newell, Yvonne Patino, Julie Rael, Tomi Rael, and Ginny Wilde.

Classified Ads

Pet Sitting

Sparky and Carolyn Newell, Officers of High Desert Bird Club of NM, and owners of Exotics of the Rainforest, LLC, will pet sit for one bird in our home while you are away for business or pleasure. Forty-three years of experience caring for parrots from Conures to Macaws! We have ten parrots of our own, five Macaws, three Amazons, and two Conures. Located in Albuquerque, NM. Reasonable rates. Call (505) 230-4737.

AFA Conference



This year the AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) and the ASA (Avicultural Society of America) are combining their annual Educational Conference.

The combined conference will take place at the Hilton Richardson, in Dallas, Texas from September 28-30, 2023.

The cost of three full days of conference, a banquet and off-site tour is quite reasonable for \$295.00. Lodging can also be secured through a link on the AFA website: [Educational conference 2023 – American Federation of Aviculture \(afabirds.org\)](https://www.afabirds.org/educational-conference-2023).

Details regarding the off-site tour are pending and will likely be announced soon. The off-site tour during the San Antonio, TX, conference a few years ago was to the local zoo with a back-scene tour of their rare bird nursery.

In the last few years, AFA has also offered online access to presentations via Zoom. That information will be posted as it becomes available.

Bird Toys & Stands Sale

Back by popular demand! Creations by JT Bird Toys and natural wood parrot stands by Avianica are returning to Albuquerque for another one-day sale.

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin St NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110**

***** This is an outdoor venue *****

All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. If you want a specific size perch, stand or bird toy, it is too late to custom order. However, reach out to Tina before this Friday to see if she has something in stock that could fulfill your request.

Creations by JT Bird Toys do not have an online store, but you can contact Tina by email, phone or Facebook.

Email: creationsjt@aol.com

Phone: 623-341-3375

[Creations By JT Bird Toys | Facebook](#)

Julie of Avianica has a Facebook page and a website where you can see more pictures of parrot stands and find information about their products.

Email: dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com

Facebook: [Avianica | Facebook](#)

Website: <https://avianica.com>



Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

A variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDBC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.



African Grey Parrot

The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations. Meet and greet opportunities of available birds are posted on their Facebook page with information about scheduling an appointment.

Here's a link to their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.

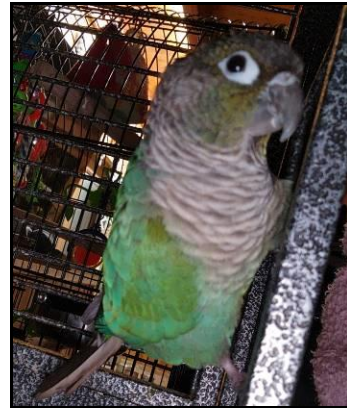


Parrolet Babies

If you are interested in adopting, fostering or just want more information, please reach out to Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166.

Many helpful videos, information and forms are available on the BFPR website:

<https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>



Green-Cheek Conure

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



Macaw

Friends of HDBC



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Facebook Fun



Catch of the Day

Psitta . tonic Pa. ral. y. sis

noun

1. The condition in which someone is unable to move due to the presence of a sleeping bird on their person.

