

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

June 11th – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Bird Toy Workshop Do Over

Private Residence, RSVP Required
Albuquerque, NM

July – General Meeting

Date, Time and Topic to be Determined

Albuquerque, NM

July 29th – Community Outreach Event

Pueblo of Isleta Environmental Fair

Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Pueblo of Isleta, NM

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

The warmer weather is here and the first day of summer is very near. It's a great time to soak up some fresh air and sunshine and get a little extra natural vitamin D.

It's also a time to remember to keep your birds safe and secure while outdoors. It doesn't take much for a bird to become frightened and take flight. Sometimes they just may want to fly. Once airborne, everything looks different and they may not be able to find their way back home.

Even birds with clipped flight feathers can still fly, especially cockatiels. Cockatiels are extremely strong fliers even when they are missing some of their primary flight feathers.

Watching your bird fly away is heart wrenching. Some birds are found and returned, but not all. Prevention is the best approach.

Be mindful of open windows and doors accessible to your birds. When taking your bird outdoors, use a carrier or work on getting them comfortable wearing a harness. It's worth the time and effort and can save a life and heartache.

Like the saying goes: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Take some time to keep your birdie safe and enjoy the summer.

Jennifer Catron



Ready for Some Fun in the Sun

Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
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 4/30/23)	\$1,482.94
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	
AFA Affiliation Dues	\$65.00
Ending balance (stmt 5/31/23)	\$1,417.94

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 jcatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meeting

June 11, 2023

Bird Toy Workshop Do Over

Our May meeting pretty much didn't happen due to scheduling conflicts and last minute cancellations. Toy parts were present, but didn't get assembled.

For our June meeting, let's make some bird toys for our feathered family and friends. Bird toy parts and foraging items are available and ready for assembly. Everyone is encouraged to bring additional items for making bird toys or to refresh some existing toys you may already have.



Bird Toy Made of Coffee Filters

While we are making toys for our birds, let's make an additional toy for donation to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM. If you don't yet have a parrot, but would like to help out, bring your creativity to assemble some toys for parrots in need.

Join us for some bird-toy making fun. Members, guests, and birds are always welcome. Tell a friend.

We will be meeting at a private residence again, so RSVP is necessary.

Date: Sunday, June 11, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: RSPV to:

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Meeting Minutes

No club business was conducted. Time was spent brain storming and planning fund-raising events for Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue.

BOAF Fund Raisers

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BOAF) is scheduling a variety of different fund raisers to help support the rescue.

Here's a current short list of event date, time, and place. For more details, go to the BOAF Facebook page under Events: [Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico | Facebook](#)

June 10, 2023, 10AM – Noon

Touch a Truck Community Outreach
Franklin Plaza, Albuquerque, NM

June 24, 2023, 2PM – 4PM

Bird House Paint and Sip
Private Residence
Cedar Crest, NM

July 1, 2023, 2PM – 7PM

Getting Crafty at Rio Bravo Brewery
1912 2nd Street NW, Albuquerque, NM

July 8, 2023, Noon – 5PM

Margaritas and Macaws
El Pinto Restaurant
10500 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM

Community Outreach

We've been invited to participate in the annual Pueblo of Isleta Environmental Fair.



In the past, we staffed a few tables with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue. It's a nice, indoor venue, and a good opportunity to increase awareness about pet birds.

If you'd like to volunteer to help staff our tables, please reach out to any bird club officer or BOAF volunteer.

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Pueblo of Isleta, Isleta, NM

Hospitality Table

Do you like snacks?
Do you like to share?
HDBC invites you to share some snacks at each monthly meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks when they can. We're very informal about who brings what and when. Donations are always welcome.

Thank you for your support.



HDBC Hotline



Our HDBC hotline has been fairly quiet for the end of May and early June.

We had two calls regarding wild birds. A lot of wild birds are fledging and often look like they are in distress. Concerned people want to help. If the bird is fully-feathered, we advise they leave the bird outside and try to prevent their dogs or cats from accessing the fledgling. The fledgling's parents are usually nearby. Contact information for New Mexico Wildlife Rescue and On a Wing and a Prayer wild bird rescues was also offered.

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

HDBC Library

We had two small crates of books left. They were donated to the Albuquerque City Library. They do not take periodicals, so we still have one crate full of Bird Talk magazines and a few other bird-related magazines.

If you know of a school or classroom that can make good use of these magazines, you are welcome to them. Even though they are older issues, they have good information and lots of good pictures of birds. We would like to give them away to be enjoyed rather than throw them away. Email Jennifer Catron at jrcatron@Q.com if you would like any of these periodicals. Thank you.

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 still 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.

AFA 49th Educational Joint Conference, "Aviculture United"
American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. Established 1876
September 27 - 30, 2023 (Wednesday - Saturday)

American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA) & Avicultural Society of America (ASA)
Hello Dallas, Texas!!

Come early and stay longer
9/27 House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting
9/28, 29, 30 Conference, Raffles, Silent Auctions, Vendor Hall,
9/30 Evening - Banquet and Awards
More announcements to come, stay tuned.
Off-site Tour to be Announced

Hilton Richardson Dallas
www.AFABirds.org or Conference@AFABirds.org

3 Full Days of Everything Aviculture
25+ Presentations
Meet the Speakers
Meet the Authors
Meet the Artists
HOD Meeting
Club Meetings
*** Shop the Vendor Hall Everyday (Vendor hall is open to the public)

Birds
Vendors
Raffles
Auctions
Shopping
Networking

American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. is a 501 (c) Non-profit Educational Organization

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.



Macaw - Calypso

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

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/>



Cockatiel

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



Indian Ringneck Parakeet - Binky

Friends of HDBC



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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.



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HDBC Anniversary



Happy 15th Anniversary HDBC!