

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

August 20th – General Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Birdy Bingo

Private Residence, RSVP Required
Albuquerque, NM

Sept 30th – Bird Toys and Stands Sale

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Sept 30th – General Meeting

Saturday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meet and Greet at the Bird Toys and Stands Sale Event

Location: Inez Park

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

Once again summer is winding down, and the giant chile roasters are popping up in grocery store parking lots everywhere.

The general meeting topic for August is Birdy Bingo! It's great fun and even the birds seem to be fascinated with us dabbling colorful ink spots on sheets of paper.

In September, we'll be co-hosting with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue another bird toys and stands sale. If you attended past sales, you know this is a great opportunity to purchase high-quality bird toys and stands. If you have yet to attend, be sure to mark your calendar and plan to be there. We will also hold a bird club meeting that day for a meet and greet opportunity. Reconnect with old friends, make some new friends, and shop for your bird family.

Speaking of birds, the number of birds being surrendered continues to increase. Although many birds have been adopted, even more continue to arrive. A waiting list is in place if the surrender situation can wait. Sometimes they can't, and the rescue and fosters make room for "one more".

Most of these birds are really nice birds and just need a second chance. The parrot rescue makes every effort to match a parrot with the right person to maximize the opportunity for success.

Enjoy the rest of summer, fresh-roasted chile, and join us for some games of Birdy Bingo.

Jennifer Catron



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: Victoria Collier
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 6/30/23)	\$1,417.94
Revenue	
Membership	\$7.50
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 7/31/23)	\$1,425.44

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

August 20, 2023

Birdy Bingo

Our August meeting event is Birdy Bingo! Birdy Bingo is just like regular bingo except all the prizes are bird related. Winners will get to pick their prize from the HDBC prize bin.



Bingo cards are six cards per sheet, and six sheets per pack. Each pack is \$5.00. Bingo dabbers will be provided.

It's great fun for both people and birds. Buy some cards, play some bingo, shout BINGO! when you win.

We will be meeting at a private residence again, so RSVP is necessary. Let's celebrate our continued growth of the pet bird community with good company and good snacks.

Date: Sunday, August 20, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: RSPV to:

**Jennifer Catron
JRCatron@Q.com**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order. Club officers, members, guests, and birds were present.

The ice crème social, co-sponsored by Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue, was a tasty success. The weather was quite warm, but the park grass and shade trees were a pleasant respite.

An idea for a future meeting topic was offered by Diane Saunderson using essential oils for birds.

Meeting adjourned.

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 contribution and support.

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](#)

August 26, 2023, 2PM – 4PM

Yoga in the Park, Inez Park, ABQ, NM

September 2, 2023, 2PM – 6PM

Santa Fe Brewing Company, Santa Fe, NM

October 21, 2023, 10AM – 2PM

PetSense Fall Adoption Fair and Animal Education, Los Lunas, NM

HDBC Hotline



Our HDBC hotline has been relatively quiet during the end of July and early August.

Wild baby bird season seems to be winding down and we are receiving fewer calls about fledglings. Wild bird calls were all about injured birds. Callers were referred to the New Mexico Wildlife Rescue and On a Wing and a Prayer.

Two calls came in regarding donation of parrot cages. They were referred to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

AFA Conference



There is still a little bit of time to register for this year's combined AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) and the ASA (Avicultural Society of America) 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).

Two off-site zoological tours are offered this year. The first one on Friday, September 29th is to the Ft. Worth Zoo to see their spectacular avian collection. This tour and lunch is included with your conference registration.

A second tour is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st to the Dallas World Aquarium. Separate tickets are required for this tour and may be purchased for \$25 each with \$10 from each purchase through the AFA website benefiting the Organization of Professional Aviculturists (OPA).

AFA 49th Educational Joint Conference, "Aviculture United"
American Federation of Aviculture, Inc.
September 27 - 30, 2023 (Wednesday - Saturday)
Established 1974

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

Come early and stay longer
9/27 Hour 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](https://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

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AFA Disaster Relief Fund

The AFA Disaster Relief Fund is designed to help bird owners and breeders in the event of a widespread disaster.



As the firestorm disaster in Maui, Hawaii, is still unfolding, the AFA Regional Director, volunteers, and pet bird supply companies are preparing to help those in need.



[AFABirds.org](https://www.afabirds.org)

The fund solely relies on donations. If you'd like to help, the AFA is a good reliable way to do so. The following link goes directly to the AFA Disaster Relief page. [Disaster Relief From the AFA – American Federation of Aviculture \(afabirds.org\)](https://www.afabirds.org/disaster-relief). Thank you for caring.

Lafeber Webinar

The Lafeber Company has an ongoing series of free webinars about pet birds posted on



YouTube. They cover a variety of topics including a recent one about Cockatoos and unraveling the mysteries.

The guest speaker is Pamela Clark, author, speaker, IAABC Certified Parrot Behavior Consultant and retired CVT.

Pamela makes some very interesting points that can explain seemingly erratic and irrational behavior in Cockatoos. She briefly covers causes and potential remedies for changing undesirable behavior in Cockatoos, but can also be applied to other parrots as well.

Here's a link to the Cockatoo webinar: <https://youtu.be/hKaSTjubLA>.

All webinars are originally live cast, and posted for replay later. Lafeber Company presents some interesting topics and even Question and Answer sessions with an avian veterinarian, Dr. Tom Tully.

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. This is a great opportunity to restock your supply of bird toys and stands, and even do some early Christmas shopping.

Date: **Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Time: **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

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

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

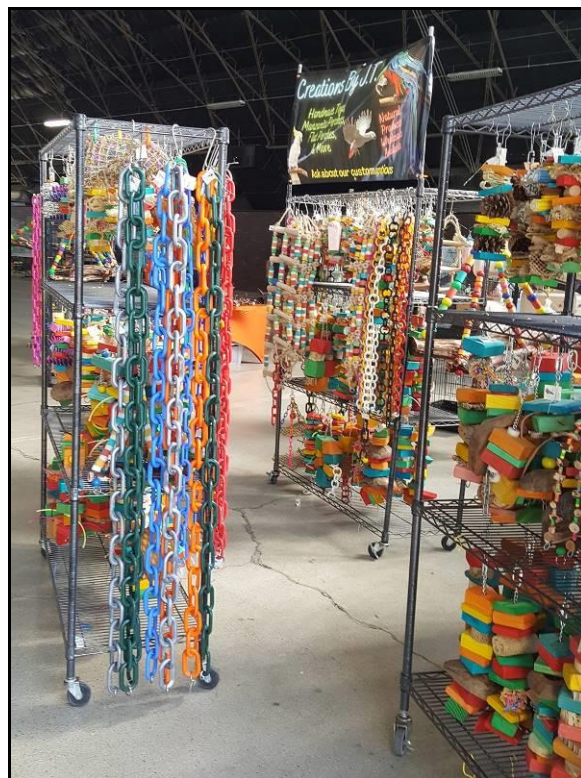
All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. If you want a specific size perch, stand or bird toy, it may be too late to custom order. However, reach out to Tina as soon as possible to see if she has something in stock that could fulfill your request.

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 (BOAF). HDBC is partnering with BOAF to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.



Macaw

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/>.



Sun Conure



Diamond Doves and Finches

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 BOAF website:

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



Amazon

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.

Friends of HDBC



Avianica

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/avianica/>

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Cell: (480) 734-1583

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) 220-4737.

Facebook Fun



**When Your Fluffer Chops
Need Support**