

# Birdy Bytes

## Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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September 2023

### Upcoming Events

#### Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Bird Toys Sale

**Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Location: Inez Park**

2027 Wisconsin Street NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

#### Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

**Saturday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Meet and Greet at the Bird Toys Sale Event**

**Location: Inez Park**

#### October 22<sup>nd</sup> – General Meeting

**Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Pumpkin Carving and Potluck Snacks**

Private Residence, RSVP Required  
Albuquerque, NM

#### November 19<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

**Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Pie Theme Potluck**

Private Residence, RSVP Required  
Albuquerque, NM

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### Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

Autumn is officially here, Balloon Fiesta is less than two weeks away, and the bird toy sale is only days away. Once again, we will be co-hosting with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

This time, we will have only Creations by JT Bird Toys. Avianica custom parrot stands will not be participating. If you have been to past sales, you know Tina always has an amazing selection of bird toys, swings and manzanita perches.

We will also be holding our monthly meeting in the park at the bird toy sale. It's a lot of fun and a great time to shop and socialize.

Also, at this time, the AFA Conference is held in Richardson, Texas. They recently announced an online option to watch and listen to many of the presentations. The online access is in real-time, and replay option is valid through the rest of the year all for the low price of \$30. Details and a link are on page 3.

On top of all this excitement, the end of this month is another full moon; the harvest moon. Anyone notice their birds a little more active during a full moon? Our southern hemisphere birds are instinctually feeling spring even through it's autumn for us here. Hormonal cockatoos. It's loud in my house.

Enjoy the season. The combination of mild weather, bountiful harvest, and opportunities to make new friends and reconnect with old friends makes this the best time of year.

**Jennifer Catron**



**Four Quarters Make a Full Moon**

## Bird Club Biz

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2003 Southern Blvd. SE, #102-2  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-3752  
[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://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 7/31/23)	\$1,425.44
Revenue	
Birdy Bingo	\$45.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 8/31/23)	<b>\$1,470.44</b>

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

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### 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](mailto:jcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meeting

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### September 30, 2023

Our September meeting will coincide with the bird toy sale. We'll have a casual meet and greet 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, September 30, 2023**

**Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

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

## Meeting Minutes

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

Bird toy sale is scheduled for September 30, 2023. A meet and greet meeting format will be held in the afternoon of the sale in the park.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2023. The program will be a pumpkin carving social. November and December meetings are combined for November 19, 2023, and we'll have a pie theme potluck: all foods in the form of pie. We did this before and it was great fun to see everyone's creativity.

HDHC is invited to participate in a community outreach event at PetSense in Los Lunas on 10/21/23. Details pending.

## HDHC Hotline

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Our HDHC hotline has been relatively quiet during the end of August and through September.

All calls were regarding wild birds. Several calls were about injured pigeons, one about an injured owl, and one about a hawk that appeared to be shot.

Callers were referred to the New Mexico Wildlife Rescue, On a Wing and a Prayer, and Hawks Aloft for help and advice.

## Community Outreach

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Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM and HDHC are invited to participate in a Fall Adoption Fair and Animal Education at PetSense in Los Lunas, NM. There will be other rescues and educational organizations participating.

If you would like to help staff our table, please reach out to any bird club officer.

**October 21, 2023, 10AM – 2PM**

### PetSense

1620 Main Street NW  
Los Lunas, NM 87031



## AFA Conference

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The combined AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) and the ASA (Avicultural Society of America) annual Educational Conference begins on September 28, 2023.



Those unable to attend in person have the option to listen and watch via Zoom meetings online.

The option is available for \$30 which grants real-time access to most of the presentations and replay access until the end of 2023.

Use this link to purchase access and view a list of speakers and topics available.

[AFA 2023 ZOOM Conference LIVE 3 Day- And Recordings \(afabirds.org\)](https://www.afabirds.org/AFA2023ZOOMConferenceLIVE3Day-AndRecordings)

This is a great and economical option to learn more about aviculture from the comfort of your own home.



## Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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



**Green Wing 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/>.



**Double-Yellow Head Amazon**



**Quaker Parrot**

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

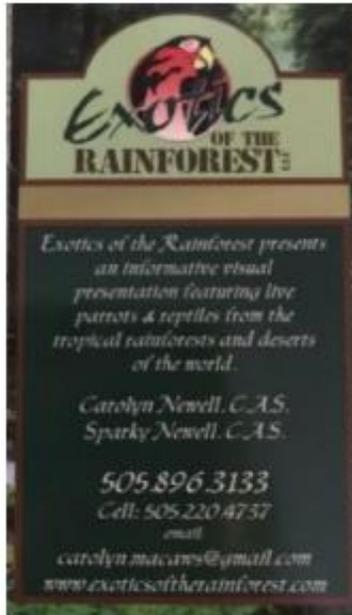
Many helpful videos, information and forms are available on the BOAF website:  
<https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>



**Umbrella Cockatoo**

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.

## Friends of HDBC



### Avianica

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

Email: [dandiconcepts2020@outlook.com](mailto:dandiconcepts2020@outlook.com)

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



**Why You Never Let Your Birds Hear Your Credit Card Number**