

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

February 18th – General Meeting
Birdy Bingo

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Parrot Pantry
2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM

March 2024 – General Meeting
Date, Time and Place to be Determined

April 6th – Bird Toys and Accessories Sale

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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

April 6th – Community Outreach
Rio Rancho 3rd Annual Garden Expo

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Rio Rancho Main Library
755 Loma Colorado Blvd, NE
Rio Rancho, NM

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Words from the Prez

Happy February Parrot Peeps!

I hope everyone is staying warm and was able to have a little fun in the snow while it lasted. Everyone in this bird house is ready for warmer weather! Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this year, so we're supposed to have an early Spring. I'm not sure if I trust that furry dude, but I hope he is right!

February brings us to the month of love, and it is certainly in the air. How many of you are dealing with birdy hormones? Let's talk about it during our next meeting. I'm sure there are a few of us that could use some advice on how to cope.

No Valentine this year? Consider adopting a new feathery friend from Birds of a Feather! The rescue is still overflowing with Valentines looking for their forever homes. Just remember, love is FOREVER, and adopting a bird is a long-term commitment. They should never be given as gifts.

Our next meeting is Sunday, February 18th and we will be playing Birdy Bingo, a club favorite amongst members. We love meeting new people and if you are reading this but are not yet a member, I encourage you to join us! We are a small but growing group of bird-loving folks that enjoy getting together to chat, snack, create, and play.

As always, we are looking for feedback on bird related topics to share on our Facebook page. We can post about anything from bird hormones to cage sizes and appreciate any and all ideas!

I hope to see you at the next meeting, until then, Happy Valentine's Day and stay safe!

Victoria Collier



Bird Club Biz

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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: Sandi Brennan
Secretary: Sparky Newell
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Committee Chairpersons

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

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 12/31/23)	\$1,228.26
Revenue	
Memberships	\$115.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 1/31/24)	\$1,343.26

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

February 18, 2024

Birdy Bingo

Our February 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 the Parrot Pantry again this time! Look for "Birds of a Feather" signage and the parrot mural on the window.

Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Location: 2325 San Pedro Dr. NE,
Suite 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110**

Meeting Minutes

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

Renewal of HDBC affiliation with American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) was approved. Sandi Brennan agreed to be the club delegate for 2024.

Donation of the HDBC library cart and items from the Tegtmeyers to BOAF approved. Mobil PA system voted to be retained by HDBC.

We are invited to participate in the Garden Expo at the Rio Rancho Main Library again this year. Event date is the same as the bird toy sale; however, the Expo is only a few hours. HDBC, BOAF, and Exotics and Rainforest want to participate. Will RSVP to Rio Rancho main library contact.

Bird band jewelry samples were received. Club voted to offer the custom band for \$10 each and split the net income with BOAF. Promotion can be done through the HDBC newsletter and Facebook. Process for receiving and processing orders is pending.

Lafeber sample foraging packs were shared among meeting attendees.

Membership dues were collected.

Next meeting is schedule for 2/18/24, at the Parrot Pantry. Meeting activity will be Birdy Bingo.

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.



HDBC Hotline



Only a few calls were received for late January through mid-February.

One caller was looking for a canary; referred her to

BOAF.

One caller was looking for information on how to stop a developer from developing land in Los Ranchos (we can't help her).

One caller was seeking to rehome about 50 homing pigeons in Cedar Crest, NM. Suggested he start with the feed store where he buys his pigeon food and other nearby feed stores to network with other pigeon fanciers that might be interested in his birds.

Membership Support

HDDB depends on your support. One of the easiest ways to show your support is to renew or become a member. Membership dues helps HDDB fulfill Club charter objectives to educate members and the general public in the best care, keeping, maintenance, and breeding of caged birds

Membership dues begin each calendar year and are prorated on a quarterly basis. Membership classification and annual dues rates are listed under the Bird Club Biz section of each newsletter. Information about membership is also contained in our Club Constitution and By Laws posted on our website: www.HighDesertBirdClub.org.



Have You Renewed Your HDDB Membership?

For everyone who has joined HDDB or renewed their membership, thank you! If you're not a member, join today and support a good cause. We're all about the birds.

Community Outreach

HDDB and Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue are invited to participate in a **Garden Expo** hosted by the City of Rio Rancho.

We participated in this event last year and it was great fun. 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 6, 2023

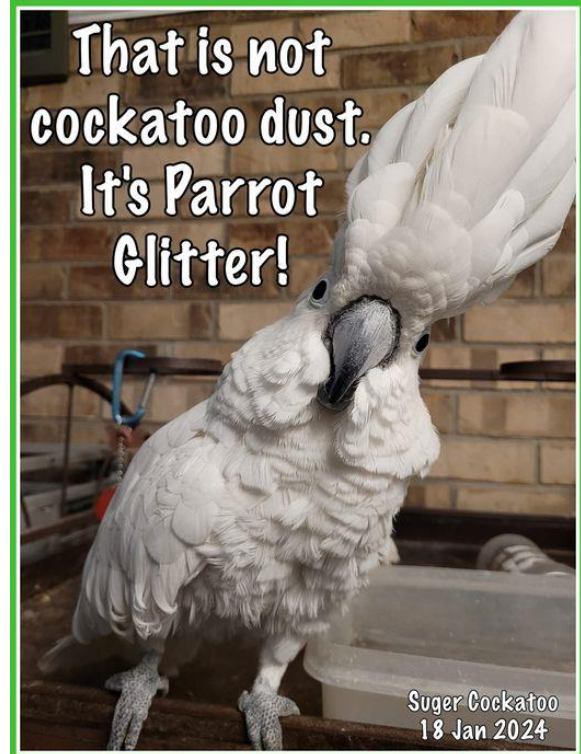
Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Main Library Loma Colorado
755 Loma Colorado Blvd NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

This event is the same day as the bird toy sale at Inez Park in Albuquerque. The bird toy sale

will go until 5PM, so there will still be plenty of time to go shopping. If you'd like to volunteer for the Garden Expo event, please reach out to Jennifer Catron (jrcatron@Q.com). Thank you.

Facebook Fun



Who Wore It Better

Parrot Pantry

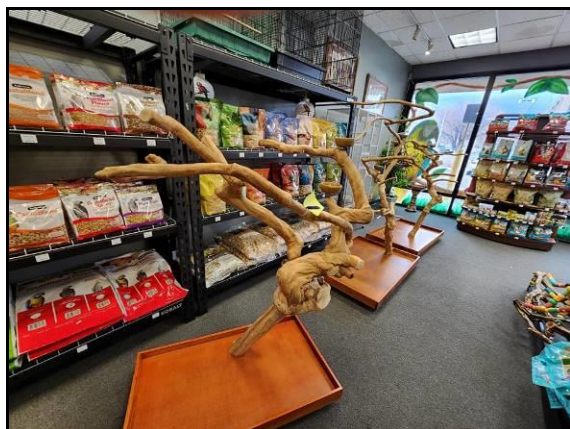
Parrot Pantry is officially open!

Dorothy Newbill, Director of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New

Mexico, had a long-time dream of having a store that offered supplies and accessories exclusively for pet birds.

It's a dream come true.

A wide variety of parrot food, toys, perches, stands, cages, and accessories are available for sale. No birds are sold at the Parrot Pantry.



Parrot Pantry is part of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico. The current bird surrender and adoption process will continue under the rescue.

Everyone is encouraged to check out Parrot Pantry.

Store Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday 10AM – 6PM
Closed Sunday and Monday

Location:

2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 584-1803 (Store Phone)

If you are not already following, check out the Facebook pages for Birds of the Feather Parrot Rescue and Parrot Pantry. Follow these pages

for the latest information for both the rescue and store.

[Facebook - Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM](#)

[Facebook - Birds Of A Feather "Parrot Talk"](#)
[Facebook - BOAF Parrot Pantry](#)

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.



The adoption process has resumed with Sunday meet and greets by appointment only. Meet and greets will continue to be held at the rescue residence. The application process and fee still apply.

The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations.

If you are interested in adopting or fostering, please reach out to Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 or check out their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.

An adoption questionnaire form is on their website at: <https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



Canary-Wing Parrot
Available for Adoption

Next Bird Toy Sale

Mark your calendars for the **next** bird toy sale with Creations by JT Bird Toys. Tina always brings a wonderful selection of bird toys, perches and swings for our bird friends.

All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. Prices are affordable, and she always has something new to keep our birds engaged.

Date: April 6, 2024
Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Location: Inez Park
Albuquerque, NM

More details will be published as we get closer to the next sale date.



Recent Bird Toy Sale in September 2023

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.

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