

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

- March 24th – General Meeting**
Round Table Discussion – Molting
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Parrot Pantry
2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM
- 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
- April 6th – General Meeting – Meet and Greet**
Saturday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Inez Park at the Bird Toy Sale

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Bird Words

Greeting Everyone,

Spring is definitely in the air and many of our parrots are feeling moody and broody. Many of them are also going through a heavy molt.

Our meeting topic this month is a roundtable discussion about molting and how we can help our birds. We can discuss nutrition, bathing, and what to do if a blood feather is damaged or broken. Molting is something that affects all birds large and small. This meeting is a good opportunity to learn and share information about this natural process for our birds.

The semi-annual bird toy sale is only weeks away. Tina of Creations by JT Bird Toys is bringing a full and expanded selection of bird toys, swings and perches. This is always a great opportunity to shop for your birds and socialize with other birdie people. See page 4 for details.

We have a community outreach event at the Rio Rancho Main Library on the same day as the bird toy sale. However, this event is only for a few hours and there will be plenty of time to get back to the bird toy sale.

A list of fundraising events for BOAF is posted on page 4. One of the events is a Rummage Sale for the Flock. I've seen some of the items donated for this sale. A lot of cool and interesting items have been donated with something for everybody. Be sure to check it out.

Join us for the roundtable discussion about molting. Perhaps we will find an answer to the age-old question: "Why is it so hard to throw away feathers?"

See you at the meeting.

Jennifer Catron
Editor



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 1/31/24)	\$1,343.26
Revenue	
Memberships	\$20.00
Birdy Bingo	\$45.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 2/29/24)	\$1,408.26

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

March 24, 2024

Roundtable Discussion Topic: Molting Season

While birds can molt feathers throughout the year, certain times a year they will lose more feathers in a short amount of time. We're in one of those times.

Join us for a roundtable discussion for tips and techniques to help our birds go through a molt and help them grow beautiful, healthy new feathers.

We will be meeting at the Parrot Pantry. Look for "Birds of a Feather" signage and the parrot mural on the window.

Date: Sunday, March 24, 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.

AFA affiliation was renewed for 2024.

The IRS 990-N form was filed for 2023.

Community outreach event at the Rio Rancho Main Library on 4/8/24 was confirmed. Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue and Exotics of the Rainforest will also be attending. This event is the same time as the bird toy sale, but for only a few hours (10AM – 1PM). It's an easy, convenient event and we can participate with only a few volunteers for each table.

Bird band fundraiser will be coordinated by Dorothy Newbill and offered through the BOAF Facebook page and at the Parrot Pantry.

March meeting is scheduled for 3/24/24. Possible speaker is Dr. Christine Fiorello. Dorothy will reach out to Dr. Fiorello to confirm.

Birdy Bingo was the meeting event and was fun.

Hospitality Table

Do you like snacks? Do you like to share? HDHC 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.

HDHC Hotline



Only one call was received for late February through mid-March.

Caller was looking to donate a few bags of wild bird seed. Referred her to the Rio Grande Nature Center in Albuquerque. They have wild bird feeders along their hiking trails and would probably be very happy to receive such a donation.

Membership Support

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



Have You Renewed Your HDHC Membership?

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.

For everyone who has joined HDHC 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

HDBC 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.

BOAF Fundraisers

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BOAF) have the following fund raising events scheduled.

April 20-21, 2024; 9AM – 3PM

Rummage Sale for the Flock

Inez Park, Albuquerque, NM

April 27, 2024; 10AM – 2PM

PetSense Community Outreach

Los Lunas, NM

May 11, 2024; 2PM – 6PM

Bosque Brewery Fundraiser

Albuquerque, NM

May 25, 2024; 2PM – 6PM

Juno Brewery Fundraiser

Albuquerque, NM

Please go to the BOAF [Facebook](#) page for event details and more information.

Bird Toy Sale

The **next** bird toy sale with Creations by JT Bird Toys is only weeks away. Tina always brings a wonderful selection of bird toys, perches and swings for our bird friends.

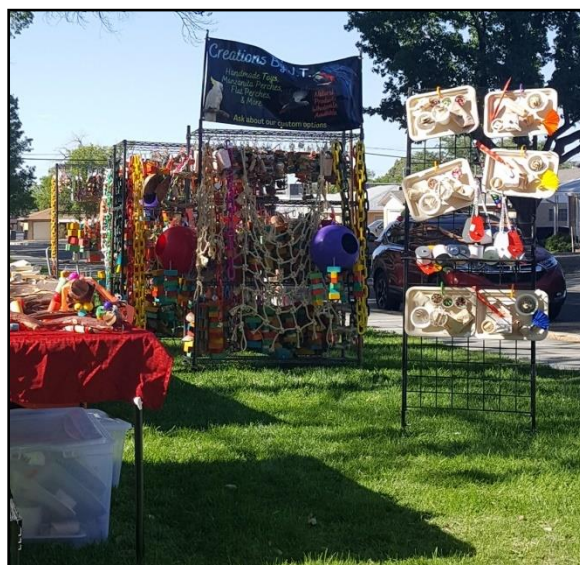
All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. Prices are affordable, and she always has something new to keep our birds engaged.

Date: April 6, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Location: Inez Park
Albuquerque, NM**

The Parrot Pantry will be closed on this day. Be sure to check out this bird toy sale for a huge selection of many of the toys available at the Parrot Pantry.



Recent Bird Toy Sale in September 2023

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.birrdsofafeathernm.org/>

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



**Umbrella Cockatoo
Available for Adoption**

Parrot Pantry

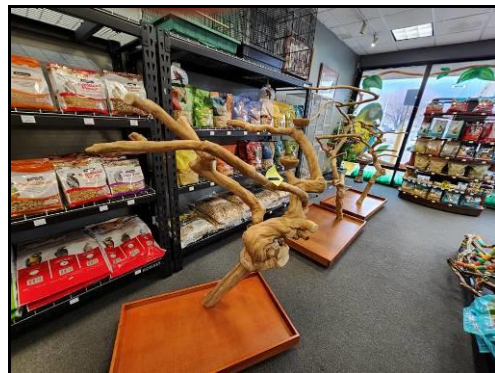
Parrot Pantry is officially open!



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 recue and store.

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

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

[Facebook - BOAF Parrot Pantry](#)

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



Standing on a \$9 Cauliflower Like We Just Won the Lottery



Mom and Baby Galah Cockatoos

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