

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

May 19th – General Meeting
Round Table Discussion – Disaster Preparedness
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Parrot Pantry
2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM

June – General Meeting – TBA
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Parrot Pantry
2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

April was chocked full of events for HDBC and Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue (BOAF) and May is keeping pace.

Tina, of Creations by JT, endured some cold and very windy weather to bring her bird toys and accessories sale to us in Albuquerque. If you missed this sale, the Parrot Pantry carries a nice supply of bird toys, perches, and swings from Tina’s business. Mark your calendars for the next pop-up sale on September 21, 2024.

Other events included our participation in the Annual Rio Rancho Garden Expo. People were waiting to see the birds. Then there was the Rummage Sale for the Flock with a mind-blowing amount of items donated to fund-raise for BOAF.

Community outreach events don’t usually raise funds, but they do raise awareness of the parrot rescue and educational resources. Our community is growing. Birds are benefitting, and everyone is learning more about birds, bird care and creating a strong social circle. It’s all good.

Our next meeting topic will be about disaster preparedness. It’s always a good idea to periodically check your emergency supplies and collect items that could help you and your family in time of need.

See you at the meeting.

Jennifer Catron
Editor



How Strong are the Spring Winds in New Mexico?

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:

Birds of a Feather Parrot Pantry
2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Club Officers

President: Victoria Collier
Vice President: Sandi Brennan
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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 2/29/24)	\$1,408.26
Revenue	\$0
Expenses AFA Affiliation Dues	\$65.00
Ending balance (stmt 3/31/24)	\$1,343.26
Ending balance (stmt 4/30/24)	\$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 jrcatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meeting

May 19, 2024

Roundtable Discussion Topic: Disaster Preparedness

The spring winds are here again with the danger of wildfires, damaging wind or even flash floods in New Mexico.

Join us for a roundtable discussion for tips and techniques for preparing for natural disasters. A little bit of thought and planning can make the difference between getting your family to safety or being a victim of a natural disaster.

Don't be scared, be prepared. It's easy to do.

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

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Our meeting at the bird toy sale didn't happen due to the extra cold and windy weather.

No minutes to report.

Hospitality Table

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

HDIBC Hotline



Many calls were received regarding wild birds. Some were injured birds, but most were fledglings. All calls were referred to wild bird

rescues either Wildlife Refuge of New Mexico or Mikal Deese of On a Wing and a Prayer.

Two calls were regarding donating parrot cages, and one call was about the process for surrendering a parrot.

Community Outreach

The **Garden Expo** hosted by the City of Rio Rancho was a success. Over 300 people attended this year and people were lined up waiting patiently to see the birds.

HDIBC, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue, and Exotics of the Rainforest each had a table with information and some birdie ambassadors to answer questions people had about the bird club, parrot rescue, or pet birds in general.

It was great fun and they want us back again next year.

BOAF Fundraisers

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

May 25, 2024; 2PM – 6PM

Juno Brewery Fundraiser

1501 First St NW
Albuquerque, NM

May 17, 2024; 6PM – 9PM

Pirate-ology, Adult Night at Explora

1701 Mountain Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM

June 29, 2024; 8AM – 3PM

Rounds of Golf with BOAF

Sierra Del Rio Golf Course
Elephant Butte, NM

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

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/birdsof Feather NM/>.

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

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



**Eclectus Parrot
Available for Adoption**

Parrot Pantry

Parrot Pantry is the place to go for all your parrot supplies.



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](#)

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.

Free Newspapers

Need some fresh, clean newspapers for your parrot homes? Many of the papers are unsold, Sunday editions of the Albuquerque Journal. All papers are clean and from non-smoking households.

To make arrangements for either a pickup or drop off of as many newspaper you would like, please contact Diane Saunderson via text at (505) 934-2565.

Facebook Fun



When You Finally See Your Evil Twin

Friends of HDBC



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