

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

June – No Meeting This Month
Summer Break

July 27th – Community Outreach
Environmental Fair
Pueblo of Isleta
Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Location: Isleta Recreation Center, NM

July 28th – General Meeting
Ice Crème Social
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: **Inez Park**
2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Aug – General Meeting – Date TBA
Chop Recipe Competition
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,

Summer is here and time for a break. No general meeting for June, but we will resume in July with a tasty ice cream social.

In July, we'll also participate in the annual Environmental Fair hosted by the Pueblo of Isleta. See page 3 for more details.

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BOAF) is doing something new for fund raising at the end of this month (June). A charity golf tournament is organized at the Sierra Del Rio Golf Course in Elephant Butte, NM. If you're interested, registration deadline is June 26, 2024. See BOAF Facebook page for details: [Facebook](#).

The warmer weather months are also the season for escaped, lost and found pet birds. BOAF regularly receives calls about lost birds. The lucky ones are found and the even luckier ones are returned to their people. Never assume your bird won't fly. Something or someone could frighten it, or a gust of wind catches its wings, and your bird could quickly be airborne and travelling fast.

Some small birds like cockatiels and conures are strong fliers and can fly even if their flight feathers are trimmed. What's that saying? An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Stay safe, stay cool, and see you at the ice cream social.

Jennifer Catron
Editor



Patently Waiting for July

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
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 4/30/24)		\$1,343.26
Revenue	Membership dues	\$15.00
Expenses		\$0
Ending balance (stmt 5/31/24)		\$1,358.26

**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@aol.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meeting

No Meeting in June

July 28, 2024

Ice Cream Social

Let's have an old fashion ice cream social with root beer floats, orange crush floats, or just a nice bowl of ice cream.

Ice cream, sodas, cups and bowls will be provided. Donations are always welcome if you have a special treat you would like to share.

We'll be in the same place as the bird toy sale events. Birds and people are welcome. It's outdoors, so please keep your birdies safe with either a carrier or a harness.

Date: Sunday, July 28, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order, some club officers, members and guests were present.

Our community outreach at Rio Rancho Garden Expo was a success and we're invited back next year.

Next club meetings and topics: Unanimous vote for no meeting in June. Enjoy the summer. July 28, 2024 meeting will be an ice cream social at Inez Park. August meeting date to be determined, topic will be chop recipes competition.

Another meeting activity idea proposed was a homemade bird toy competition. For each competition, the panel of judges will be all the birds at the meeting.

Meeting topic roundtable discussion was disaster preparedness.

HDBC Hotline



Most calls this time were about pigeons and doves. One pigeon had ID bands and was likely someone lost homing pigeon.

All calls were referred to wild bird rescues either Wildlife Refuge of New Mexico or Mikal Deese of On a Wing and a Prayer.

One caller was interested adopting a parrot. They were looking for information about the process. Answered some questions and referred to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

Community Outreach

The Pueblo of Isleta has invited us back to participate in their annual Environmental Fair.

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Isleta Recreation Center

This is an indoor venue and they offer us lunch. It's great fun and a family oriented event. We need one more volunteer to help staff the HDBC table. If you are interested, please email Jennifer Catron at jrcatron@aol.com.

HDBC, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue, Exotics of the Rainforest, and Jerry Tuttle's Zoo Crew will each have a table with information and some birdie ambassadors to answer questions people may have about the bird club, parrot rescue, or pet birds in general.

BOAF Fundraisers

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

June 28, 2024; 4PM – 7PM

Birds and Brews – Brewery T or C

410 N Broadway Street
Truth or Consequences, 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/birdsofafaethernm/>.

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

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



Umbrella Cockatoos are 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 recue and store.

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

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

[Facebook - BOAF Parrot Pantry](#)

AFA 50th Conference

This year marks the golden anniversary of the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA).

The AFA is a nonprofit national organization established in 1974, whose purpose is to represent all aspects of aviculture and to educate the public about keeping and breeding birds in captivity.

Membership consisting of bird breeders, pet bird owners, avian veterinarians, pet/bird store owners, bird product manufacturers, and other people interested in the future of aviculture.

AFA History

During an outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease in California, in the early 1970's, thousands of perfectly healthy exotic birds in private collections were euthanized by the USDA if even one bird in the collection was suspected of being exposed to the disease.

As a result of the outbreak, the State of California proposed legislation that would narrowly restrict or ban the ownership of exotic birds.

This proposed legislation to restrict private ownership was the catalyst that brought many Southern California bird owners and clubs together to form the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF AVICULTURE, INC. in March of 1974 to serve as an avicultural umbrella organization.

The AFA is dedicated to the promotion of aviculture and the conservation of Avian Wildlife through the encouragement of captive breeding programs, scientific research and the education of the general public. To promote the interests of aviculture, the AFA works to educate legislators within the U.S.A. The AFA also represents the avicultural community at CITES meetings.

Mission and Purpose

The mission and purpose of AFA shall be to promote the advancement of Aviculture through educational programs that support the advancement and improvement of breeding practices, husbandry practices, and living conditions for exotic birds, conservation, research and legislative awareness.

The goal of AFA is to insure long-term, self-sustaining populations of exotic birds both in captivity and in the wild.

AFA's 50th Anniversary 1974 - 2024

AFA 50th Educational Conference and Avian Expo
American Federation of Aviculture (AFA), Inc.
Established in 1974
The First 50 Years

California
Costa Mesa

Sponsors: contact Jamie
281-217-0614 text or call
Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa
15 miles from Disneyland
Book with AFA Conference

www.AFABirds.org or Conference@AFABirds.org

SAVE THE DATE!!!
September 4 - 7, 2024
Come early / stay longer
Extend your fun!
Off-site Tours Wed & Sun

3 Full Days of Everything Aviculture
25+ Presentations
Meet the Speakers
Meet the Authors
Meet the Artists
HOD Meeting
Club Meetings

Bird Show
Vendors
Raffles
Auctions
Shopping
Networking

FREE: Legislative Workshop
Vendor Hall Shopping
Bird Endowment Blue's Bash PARTY
Watch the Bird Show Exhibition

50 YEARS OF THE AFA WATCHBIRD JOURNAL

American Federation of Aviculture (AFA), Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit Educational Organization

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 Your Fluffer Chops Need Support

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