

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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August 2024

Upcoming Events

Aug 18th – General Meeting

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Aug 24th – Community Outreach

Environmental Fair

Pueblo of Santa Ana

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Tamaya Wellness Center

225 Ranchitos Road, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

Sept 21st – Bird Toys and Accessories Sale

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Sept 21st – General Meeting

Meet and Greet at the Bird Toy Sale

Saturday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

Once again summer is winding down, and the giant, chile roasters are popping up in grocery store parking lots everywhere.

Our ice cream social was rescheduled for this month due to an unexpected opportunity. We apologize for any confusion the reschedule may have caused. However, anytime is the right time for ice cream. So, let's celebrate the end of another summer in the Land of Enchantment with ice cream! See page 3 for details.

In September, we'll be co-hosting with Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue another bird toys and accessories sale. If you attended past sales, you know this is a great opportunity to purchase high-quality bird toys and accessories. If you have yet to attend, be sure to mark your calendar and plan to be there. We will also hold a bird club meeting that day for a meet and greet opportunity. Reconnect with old friends, make some new friends, and shop for your bird family.

Both the ice cream social and bird toy sale will be outdoor venues. Birds are welcome, but keep them safe with either a harness or carrier. See you soon.

Jennifer Catron
Editor



Someone Say Ice Cream?

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 6/30/24)	\$1,358.26
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 7/31/24)	\$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

August 18, 2024

Ice Cream Social - Rescheduled

Our ice cream social in July was rescheduled due to an unexpected opportunity. August might be even better with a little cooler weather.

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 our usual spot in Inez Park. Birds and people are welcome. It's outdoors, so please keep your birdies safe with either a carrier or a harness.

Date: Sunday, August 18, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110



Ice Cream Anti-social

September 21, 2024 general meeting will be a meet and greet informal meeting during the bird toy and accessories sale at Inez Park.

October general meeting date is to be determined. Meeting topic is a chop recipe competition at the Parrot Pantry.

Meeting Minutes

No July meeting. No minutes.

HDBC Hotline

Only a few calls received during July. All were regarding wild birds.



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

Community Outreach

The Pueblo of Santa Ana has invited us to participate in their annual Environmental Fair. We must be making a good impression.

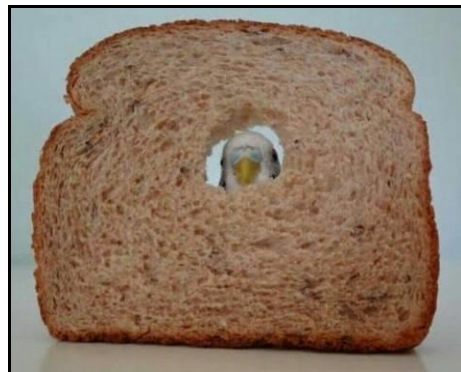
Date: Saturday, August 24, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Location: Tamaya Wellness Center
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM**

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, 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.



Whole Tweet Bread

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.



A Variety Conures 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 rescue and store.

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

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

[Facebook - BOAF Parrot Pantry](#)

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.

This is a great opportunity to restock your supply of bird toys and even do some early Christmas shopping.

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: September 21, 2024
Time: Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Inez Park
 2027 Wisconsin Street NE
 Albuquerque, NM

***** This is an outdoor venue *****

Creations by JT Bird Toys do not have an online store, but you can contact Tina by email, phone or Facebook.

Email: creationsjt@aol.com

Phone: 623-341-3375

[Creations By JT Bird Toys | Facebook](#)

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

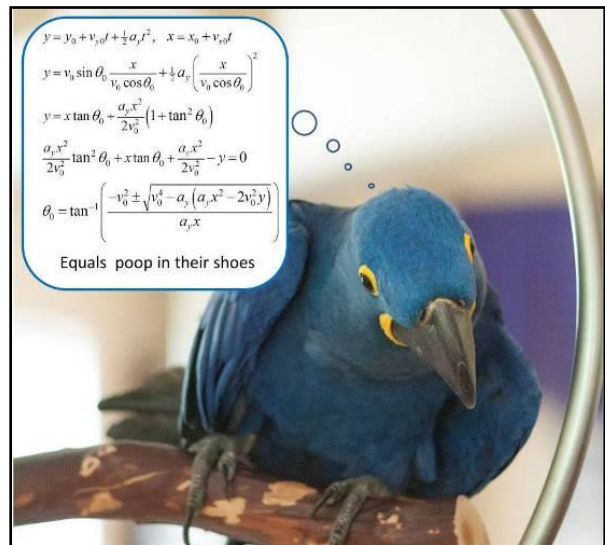


Bird Toy Sale in September 2023

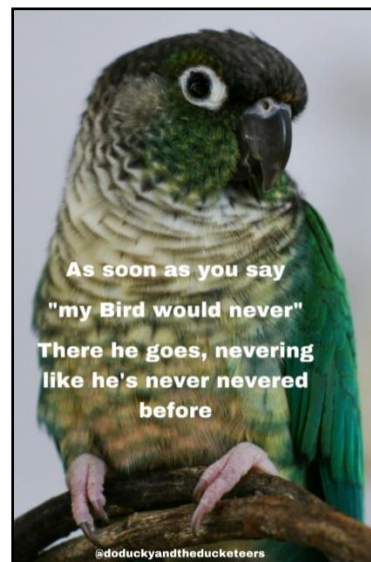
Facebook Fun



August is Back to School Time in Albuquerque



Hyacinth Macaw Doing Math



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.

Attend in Person or Online

Can't make it to this year's 50th Annual AFA Educational Conference and Avian Expo in Costa Mesa, California?

No worries you can watch online at AFABirds.tv. The cost is \$50 and you will have access to the talks for the year.

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.



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