

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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September 2024

Upcoming Events

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

Oct 20th – General Meeting

Chop Recipe Competition

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Parrot Pantry

2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Nov and Dec Combo 2024 – Date TBD

Potluck Dinner

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Words from the Prez

Hi Birdie Friends,

Temperatures are finally coming down and Fall is officially a week away! Pretty soon the cottonwoods will be yellow, and balloons will fill our sky. Personally, it's my favorite time of the year and I can't wait for all the fun Fall activities.

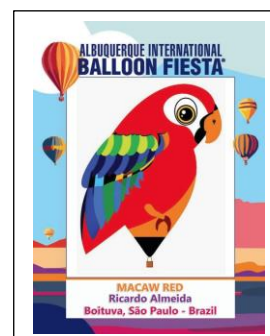
Last month, High Desert Bird Club and Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue attended the Pueblo of Santa Ana Environmental Fair. These events are a wonderful way to educate people about parrots and what the club and rescue are all about. We look forward to attending these events each year, as they are always a great time.

This month, our meeting will be held during the bird toy sale at Inez Park, on Saturday, September 21st. Creations by JT will be there with all her amazing handmade bird toys. There will be toys and perches for birds of all sizes at affordable prices. Come by and spoil your bird while getting to know some folks from the club and rescue. We won't have a specific topic for our meeting, as it will just be a great time to socialize and shop.

Get your best chop recipes ready! For our October meeting, we will hold our chop recipe competition! Do your birds have a favorite combination of fruits and vegetables? Do you have a super-secret ingredient that gets your birds to devour their chop? Share it with us and get other ideas from club members. See page 3 for details.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the toy sale! Until then, be safe and enjoy the cooler temperatures!

**Victoria Collier
President**



New Special Shape Balloon for 2024

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 7/31/24)	\$1,358.26
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 8/31/24)	\$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

September 21, 2024

Meet and Greet at the Bird Toy Sale

Keeping with tradition, we will have our bird club general meeting at the bird toy sale. The topic of discussion is open. This is outdoor venue. Please bring a folding chair if you have one.

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

October 20, 2024

Chop Recipe Competition

Do you make some special chop for your birds? Think your recipe can win over our panel of experts on parrot chop?

For our October meeting program, everyone is encouraged to bring in samples of their favorite recipe for parrot chop. Chop is a combination of veggies, grains, and/or fruit made for our parrots to encourage healthy eating.



Winners will be determined by a panel of experts. The panel of experts will be all the birds at the meeting willing to participate.

The most eaten parrot chop will decide the winners. First, second, and third places can pick a prize from the HDBC prize bin.

It's a lot of fun for our birds and people alike.

Meeting Minutes

Our ice cream social was moved indoors due to an unseasonable heatwave in Albuquerque.

Only business discussed was picking a date and place for our October general meeting. October 20, 2024 at the Parrot Pantry and the topic will be a chop recipe competition.

The ice cream floats were really good.

HDBC Hotline

All calls received during August and early September were regarding wild birds.



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

Community Outreach

HDBC, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM, Exotics of the Rainforest, and Jerry Tuttle's Zoo Crew participated in annual Environmental Fairs at local Pueblos.

The Pueblo of Isleta and Pueblo of Santa Ana invited us to participate with our birdie ambassadors. Many people enjoyed looking at our birds and talking with us about birds.

It was great fun and we look forward to be invited back next year.

AFA Convention

The American Federation of Aviculture celebrated its 50th anniversary this month.

All conference presentations were recorded and available for replay for a one-time cost of \$50. Link: [The First 50 Years \(afabirds.tv\)](https://www.afabirds.tv).



Two excellent presentations were given by avian veterinarians on psittacine beak and feather disease, and what's new and available in diagnostic testing.

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 days away!. Woo Hoo! 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**
Saturday
Time: **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

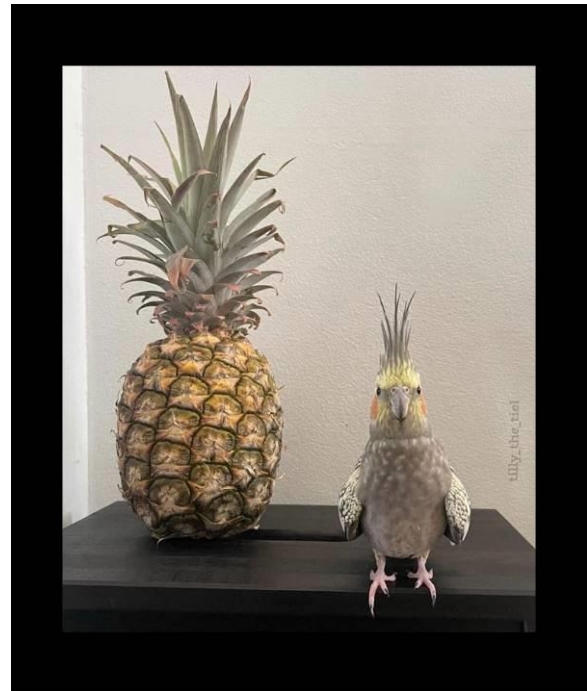
[Creations By JT Bird Toys | Facebook](#)

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



Who Wore It Better?



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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