

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

Happy New Year - 2025

January 19th – General Meeting
Bird Toy Workshop
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: **Parrot Pantry**
2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110

February 16th – General Meeting
Birdie Hormones Discussion
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Parrot Pantry, Albuquerque, NM

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Words From the Prez

Happy 2025!

Here we are again, new year, new board members and most importantly new members!

I am excited to be taking on this new role as president of the HDBC. Education and outreach will be my focus this year. Our community is growing and we want to make a positive impact on all the bird people in New Mexico. It's easier when you have a wing to lean on.

Let's kick off this new year with winter reminders.

We live in a desert; it's dry even when we get a few flakes of snow. Run those humidifiers. It's good for our skin and even better for our feathered family members. They get itchy and uncomfortable just like we do. Make sure they are getting a little more sleep. Grumpy birds are very common this time of year. Giving these feathered toddlers a little more sleep will help you and them. Veggies and fruits are not as easy to come by, but they still need a rounded diet. Make birdie bread or birdie pancakes, they will love it! Remember to keep them out of drafts, away from busy exterior doors, ovens, fireplaces and holiday decorations.

Reflecting on 2024, it was a great year for us. We helped our community when natural disasters whipped through our state. We were welcomed at many environmental fairs on the reservations. Our group of caring people fed wild life, farm animals, dogs, cats and of course birds. Looking forward, 2025 is shaping up to be another awesome year!

Thank you for joining us.

Dorothy Newbill



Dorothy and Maya

Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
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: Dorothy Newbill
Vice President: Susan Carolus
Secretary: Sparky Newell
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier
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 11/30/24)	\$1,358.26
Revenue	
Membership	\$20.00
Expenses	
HDBC domain name renew	\$23.17
HDBC cell phone refill	\$138.83
Ending balance (stmt 12/31/24)	\$1,216.26

**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 HDBC 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 HDBC 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

January 19, 2025

Bird Toy Workshop

Let's start the New Year sharing holiday stories about our birds and assembling some fun toys for our and rescue birds.

Bird toy parts and foraging items are available and ready for assembly. Everyone is encouraged to bring additional items for making bird toys or to refresh some existing toys you may already have.

If your parrot enjoys Jolly Ball toys, the ball is available for purchase from the Parrot Pantry (\$15 for 4" ball; \$19 for 6" ball, and \$25 for 8" ball). You will need to provide chain or rope, but beads or toys to attach will be available at the bird toy workshop.

Join us for some bird-toy making fun. Members, guests, and birds are always welcome. Tell a friend.



Date: Sunday, January 19, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Parrot Pantry

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

HDBC Hotline

All calls received for November and December were mostly 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.



Meeting Minutes

Our November and December meetings were combined with a delicious potluck meal and voluntary gift exchange.

HDBC officers for 2025 were nominated and unanimously approved.

President: Dorothy Newbill

VP: Susan Carolus

Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Secretary: Sparky Newell

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for January 19th for a bird toy workshop, and February 16th for a presentation on coping with birdie hormone season.

Membership Support

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

Membership benefits include:

- Subscription to the Club newsletter *Birdy Bytes*.
- Fellowship with others interested in companion birds.
- Opportunities to represent HDBC at community outreach events.

Membership dues begin each calendar year and are prorated on a quarterly basis. Membership classification and annual dues rates at 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 HDBC 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.

Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption



A variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDBC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.

The adoption process has resumed.

Quite a few new birds came into the rescue during the holidays. All kinds of parrots from little budgies to macaws are looking for new, kind and loving homes.

If you are interested in adopting, fostering, or volunteering, please complete an application posted on their website at: <https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

You can also follow them on their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/> for current events and activities at the rescue.

January is:



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.

Check out Parrot Pantry with new Sunday hours.

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](#)

Next Bird Toy Sale

Mark your calendars for the **next** bird toy sale with Creations by JT Bird Toys. 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 12, 2025
Location: Inez Park
 Albuquerque, NM

More details will be published as we get closer to the next sale date.

In the meantime, Parrot Pantry also carries a nice selection of Creations by JT Bird Toys.

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.

My bird went missing in my house for over an hour and then I noticed something... peculiar... behind my bottle 🤔



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