

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

- March 23rd – General Meeting**
Birdie Hormones Discussion Redux
Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Parrot Pantry
2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110
- April 12th – Bird Toys and Accessories Sale**
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
- April 12th – General Meeting – Meet and Greet**
Saturday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Inez Park at the Bird Toy Sale

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Words From the Prez

Spring is trying to make its way to us!

Now is a great time to start to think about a garden for you and the birds! Blueberries, jalapeños, sunflowers, strawberries, peppers and sweet potatoes are all great choices for your garden.

Most of these plants do good in containers on your porch with little maintenance.

We have been keeping track of the Avian Flu. Yes, we have had several cases here in New Mexico. We are taking extra precautions with our outside flights. Make sure all of your food and water bowls are covered from any wild bird droppings. Keep your ducks and chickens away from your parrots. Keep your outside cages clean and free from outdoor rodents. We are still learning about this flu. The University of Minnesota is a great resource.

Finally, hormones are in full swing!!! Remember, this too shall pass.

See you at our next meeting

Dorothy Newbill



 **BIRDS OF A FEATHER 2024** 

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 1/31/25)	\$1,281.26
Revenue	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending balance (stmt 2/28/25)	\$1,281.26

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

Thank you.



General Meeting

March 23, 2025

Birdie Hormones Discussion Redux

Feisty, cranky, nesty, bitey. Does this describe your parrot more than usual? While a parrot can be hormonal any time of year, these behaviors can tend to be seasonal.

For our southern hemisphere birds, Summer is in full swing. For our northern hemisphere birds, Spring is on the near horizon. Either way, it can affect our bird's behavior.

Join us for a timely discussion about birdie hormone season, what we can do to help our birds, and what we can do to help us cope.

Members, guests, and birds are always welcome. Tell a friend.

Date: Sunday, March 23, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the February general meeting was cancelled. It was too late to send out an email or notice, so those of us who showed up for the meeting went to Village Inn Restaurant and enjoyed some pie.

The pie was good.

No business was conducted and the topic of discussion regarding coping with birdie hormones was rescheduled for the March meeting.

HDBC Hotline

Only one call received regarding an injured non-native pheasant. We recommended the caller reach out to wild bird rescues or animal control.



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.

Hospitality Table

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

Community Outreach

HDBC, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM, Exotics of the Rainforest, and Jerry Tuttle's Zoo Crew participated in a **Garden Expo** hosted by the City of Rio Rancho Main Library.

A big thank you to those who volunteered their time and participated: Lindsey Brown, Susan Carolus, Jennifer Catron, Carolyn and Sparky Newell, Nancy, Ozzie's Mom, Yvonne Patino, and Jerry Tuttle.

We received a really nice thank you email from the Rio Rancho library. They were delighted to have us and asked if we'd be willing to participate again next year. Highly likely!



Exotics of the Rainforest, Carolyn and Sparky Newell with Lucille, Blue-Throat Macaw, and a Pied Boa Constrictor



We were all in a separate area from the rest of the Garden Expo and drew quite a crowd.



HDBC Table with Lindsey Brown and Jennifer Catron



Zoo Crew Director, Jerry Tuttle with Toby and Pixel, Eclectus Parrots



BOAF Events Coordinator, Yvonne Patino with Freido, Amazon Parrot

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.

Quite a few new birds came into the rescue during the holidays and continue to be received. 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.



Many budgies 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.

Check out Parrot Pantry with new Sunday hours.

Store Hours:

Monday – Saturday 10AM – 6PM
Sunday 11 AM – 3 PM

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.

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

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin St NE
Albuquerque, NM

If you have a special sized manzanita perch or parrot toy that you need, now is the time to reach out to Tina to see if she has it in stock and can bring it with her.

Tina McClendon, (623) 341-3375

Email: CreationsJT@aol.com

We have a theme for this event to add to our shopping fun and socialization. Picnic in the Park! Everyone is encouraged to bring a blanket and picnic goodies.

This event is outdoors, so if you do want to bring your bird friends, please either have a harness or carrier for them. There is a pair of nesting Cooper's Hawks in the area, and they do watch us.

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.

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