

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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July 2025

Upcoming Events

July – No Meeting – Enjoy Summertime

August 24th – General Meeting

Foraging Toy Workshop

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Parrot Pantry

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

September 20th – Bird Toys and Accessories Sale

HDBC Meet and Greet (3:00 PM)

Saturday, 9:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Inez Park

2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM

October - Date to be Determined

Field Trip – Foraging for Piñon Pine Nuts

Time and Place Pending

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

Apologies for the very late newsletter. Summer is a hopping time for everyone with busy schedules and lots of events.

It was a unanimous decision to forego a general meeting in July, but we came up with some fun ideas for future meetings. See Page 3 for details on what's scheduled for August, September and October.

We typically do one meeting for November and December to work around the holidays. In the past, we have done a potluck meal. This year, we can meet at a restaurant to make life even easier. Thoughts, ideas, or comments on what we should do is welcome.

As July wraps up and back-to-school is just around the corner for many, enjoy the rest of Summer 2025. We're still in monsoon season, so be wary of cloud bursts and flash floods even in Albuquerque.

Jennifer Catron
Editor



**What Do You Mean
Summer is Almost Over?**

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
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 5/31/25)	\$1,301.26
Revenue (Birdy Bingo)	\$30.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending balance (stmt 6/30/25)	\$1,331.26

**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

July 2025 - No HDBC Meeting

Enjoy Summer break. Everyone is taking a break for summer in July. No meeting is scheduled this month.

Stay cool, stay hydrated, and enjoy some fun in the sun.

August 24, 2025

Foraging Toy Workshop

As we patiently wait for the next bird toy sale in September, let's make some foraging toys for our and rescue birds. We've made these small lunch-bag toys before, and they were a great hit.

Join us for assembling some interesting and engaging toys for our birds, good conversation, and sharing summer stories.

Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

September 20, 2025

Bird Toy Sale and HDBC General Meet and Greet

Back by popular demand, Creations by JT Bird Toys will return to Albuquerque.

HDBC members will be available in the afternoon (**3:00 PM**) to talk about birds and answer any questions about our bird club.

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin Street NE
Albuquerque, NM

But wait, there's more.

October 2025 – Date TBD

Field Trip – Foraging for Piñon Pine Nuts

We're going to try something a little different this year. Harvesting and collecting Piñon pine nuts is a tradition for generations of New Mexicans. Many parrots love piñon pine nuts which are very nutritious and calorie dense.

As we get closer to harvest time, we will have a better idea of when to plan this field trip and where are some of the most abundant places to forage.

If we have enough time and energy afterwards, we may also visit a "you pick" farm where we can pick some fresh fruit and vegetables. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to October.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order. Officers, members, and guests were present.

Future meetings and topics were discussed. All agreed to not have a general meeting in July.

Future meetings will be on 8/24/25: foraging toy workshop; 9/20/25: bird toy sale with Creations by JT Bird Toys and HDBC meet and greet at the sale; October date TBD: Field trip to forage for piñon pine nuts.

Discussion to promote membership in HDBC with people adopting birds from Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue (BOAF). Ideas included requiring current year membership at time of adoption; include HDBC membership in the adoption contract; or simply adding their email address to the HDBC newsletter (with permission). Some of these options may require incorporation into the BOAF adoption contract and will take time to add.

Birdy Bingo was the meeting event. Great fun, interesting prizes from the HDBC prize bin, and a small fund-raiser for the bird club.

Meeting adjourned by 5PM.

HDBC Hotline

More calls were received regarding wild birds. One caller had a Great-horned owl in his backyard and wanted to know what he should do about it. Our response was to do nothing. The owl will leave when his food source is gone. Advised him to keep his small pets indoors in the meantime.



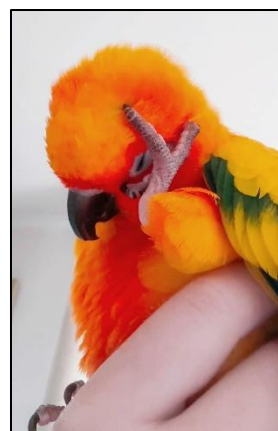
We had someone reach out to us via Facebook regarding surrendering a cockatiel. Referred them to BOAF.



Community Outreach

HDBC, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue, and Jerry Tuttle's Zoo Crew participated again at the Pueblo of Isleta Environmental Fair.

We each had a table with information and some birdie ambassadors to answer questions people had about the bird club, parrot rescue, or pet birds in general. The event was fairly well attended.



Facebook Fun



But Wait, There's More...

Why Did I Fly into This Room Again?



The Eyes Have It

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.

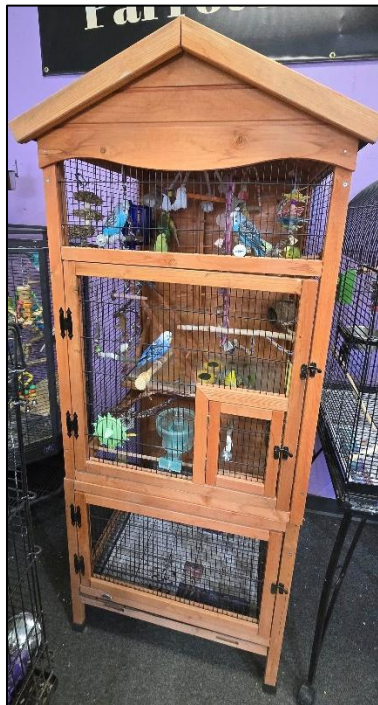
A wide variety of birds continue to be received in addition to birds still awaiting to be adopted. All kinds of parrots from little budgies to macaws are looking for new, kind and loving homes.

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.



But Wait, EVEN MORE 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

If you missed the Creations by JT Bird Toys sale in April, the next sale is already scheduled for September. Mark your calendars!

All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. Prices are affordable, and Tina always has something new to keep our birds engaged.

Date: September 20, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin St NE
Albuquerque, NM

Special-sized manzanita perches or toys may be custom ordered. Reach out to Tina with your request.

Tina McClendon, (623) 341-3375
Email: CreationsJT@aol.com

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.



Hot Fun in the Summer Time


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