

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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August 2025

Upcoming Events

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,

Summer may be winding down, but temperatures are unseasonably high. Have you noticed the Rio Grande through Albuquerque is dry. Yikes.

While our neighbors in Ruidoso, NM, experienced several damaging floods, we are drying up to a crisp. Positive thoughts for more precipitation for Albuquerque soon, or a least a good snow pack this winter. I've experienced water rationing in California and hopefully it won't happen here. It's not fun, and is quite expensive to try keeping your garden or landscaping alive.

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 bird club meeting 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



Water is the Spice of Life

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

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| Beginning balance (stmt 6/30/25) | \$1,361.26 |
| Revenue | \$0.00 |
| Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Ending balance (stmt 7/31/25) | \$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

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.



Lunch Bag Toy Assembly Line



Collection for BOAF Rescue

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**

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

No meeting in July. No minutes.

HDBC Hotline

We had a few calls regarding donating cages. One caller looking for pet doves. One caller about a wild bird.

Referred to BOAF and wild bird rescue as appropriate.



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.



**Australia has a Cockatoo Species
Called a Gang Gang.
Here is a Gang of Gang Gangs.**

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 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



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.

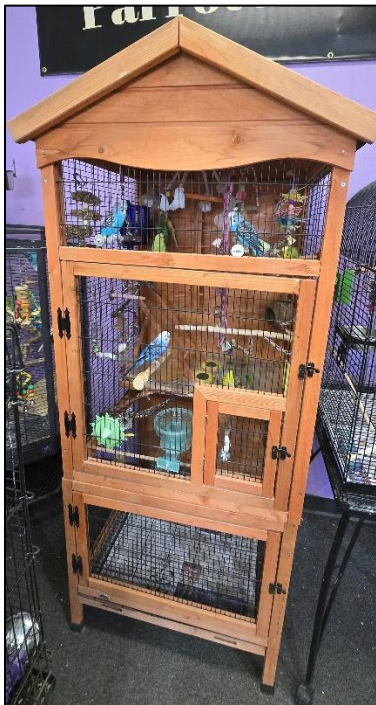
A wide variety of birds continue to be received in addition to birds still awaiting to be adopted. All kinds of parrots from little budgies to macaws are looking for new, kind and loving homes.

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"](#)

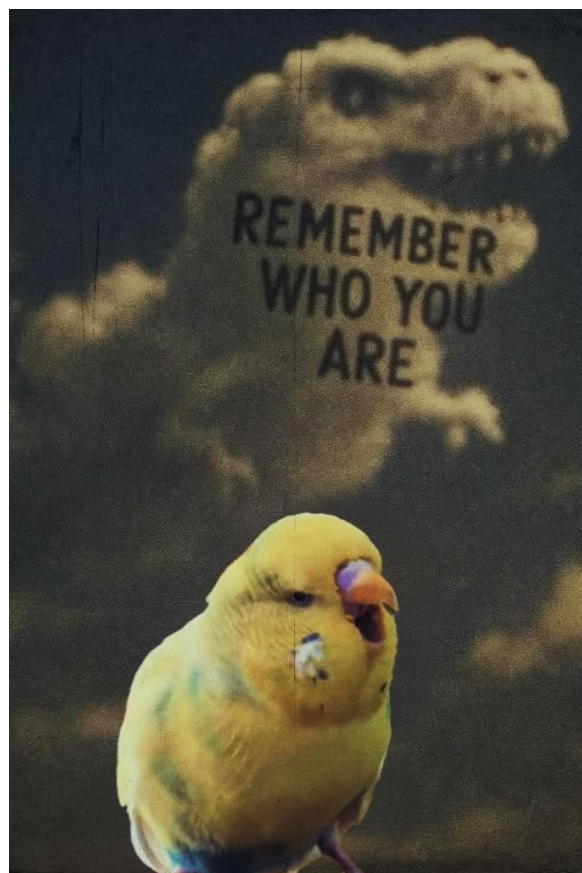
[Facebook - BOAF Parrot Pantry](#)

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.

Facebook Fun




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