

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

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

Nov-Dec – Date to be Determined
Combined Meeting Potluck Meal
Dish Theme is Crock Pot or Pies

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

The first day of autumn is almost here. It's a favorite season for many with cooler temperatures, a bountiful fruit and vegetable harvest, and pumpkin spice everything.

The bird toy and accessories sale is only days away. Tina, Creations by JT Bird Toys, is loading up her truck with all kinds of bird toys and goodies for our feathered family. See page 4 for details.

Another big event coming up for Albuquerque is the International Balloon Fiesta. Starting the first weekend of October and lasting through the week, hundreds of hot-air balloons participate. People from all over country and globe travel here to witness this amazing event. New special shapes are introduced every year. It's great fun to see the special shapes balloons especially the birdie ones.

Enjoy the seasonal changes; it's a beautiful time of year.

See you at the bird toy sale!

Jennifer Catron
Editor



New Special Shape from Brazil

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 7/31/25)	\$1,331.26
Revenue	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending balance (stmt 8/31/25)	\$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

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! This is a perfect opportunity to stock up on bird toys and maybe do some Christmas shopping.

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

This is an outdoor venue. Birds are welcome. Please keep them safe with either a carrier or harness. The Cooper's hawks in the trees are always watching.



We also need some additional help for set up and break down of this event. Please reach out to any BOAF or HDBC volunteers or members.

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

The meeting was called to order. Club officers, members, and guests were present.

A copy of the current HDBC bank statement was given to the Treasurer.

Future HDBC meetings were discussed. September meeting will be part of the bird toy sale event. October meeting is still pending a field trip to forage for Piñon pine nuts. November and December meetings will be combined to work around the busy holiday season and will be a potluck meal. Potluck theme is crock pot or pie dishes.

Dorothy Newbill attended one of the largest conventions in the nation for pet products. The event is called Super Zoo and is held in Las Vegas, Nevada, every year.

Dorothy shared some of her experiences at the event with us. She encountered a lot of people that were aware of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico. Many are already following on Facebook.

Most vendors focus on dog and cat products, but there were some pet bird products and supplies. Some new products in the BOAF Parrot Pantry are from the Super Zoo event.

The event was so large, it was impossible to see everything in just one day.

July meeting activity was assembling lunch bag foraging toys. Lots of toys were made for lots of happy birds.

Meeting adjourned by 5PM.

HDBC Hotline

We had a call asking for bird sitting contacts or referrals. Directed the caller to ParrotDisse Boarding, LLP ([Facebook](#)). They are friends of BOAF.

A few calls were about injured wild birds. Referred those calls to wild bird rescues as appropriate.



Bird Toy Sale Last April 2025 in Inez Park, Albuquerque, NM



Bird Toy Sale

The **next** bird toy sale with Creations by JT Bird Toys is **THIS SATURDAY!** 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

It's too late to special order anything now, however, Tina may have something in stock that she can bring with her. Reach out to Tina before Thursday, 9/18/25, with your request.

Tina McClendon, (623) 341-3375
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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



Cockatiel – Non Touchy Feely Type




Autumn Weather is Sleeping Weather

Friends of HDBC



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