

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

No more upcoming events for the
High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico.

Thanks for the memories.

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Closing Time

From the song Closing Time: “Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end”. It reflects on the cyclical nature of everything around us.

It’s closing time for High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico. We had a great run only two months shy of 18 years.

It’s been my honor and privilege to serve HDBC over the years and wear many hats. Roles included club president, vice president, Bird Expo coordinator, newsletter editor, webmaster, and custodian of club stuff.

Objectives were fulfilled by HDBC to educate members and the general public on the best care, keeping, maintenance and breeding of caged birds.

Along the way, we made connections with others. Friendships were forged, people and birds were helped, and we shared laughs and even some tears.

While HDBC has come to a close, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico is still going strong. BOAF is a solid resource for pet bird care, rescue, and information.

Some activities like the bird toy workshop and Birdy Bingo conducted by HDBC will continue under the BOAF mantle. If you’re not already doing so, follow them on Facebook for postings of events and activities.

It’s been fun, it’s been real, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Catron



Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
www.HighDesertBirdClub.org

Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

General Meetings

No More Meetings

Club Officers

President: Dorothy Newbill
Vice President: Susan Carolus
Secretary: Sparky Newell
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Available
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 02/28/26) **\$1,178.83**

Closed Account
Donated to BOAF a 501(c)(3) entity \$1,178.83

Ending balance (stmt 3/31/26) **\$0.00**

HDBC Hotline

The HDBC cell phone is prepaid through November 2026. The line will remain active until the prepaid days run out.

Dorothy Newbill will manage the club cell phone and assist any callers.

The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a 501(c)(3) educational, public charity recognized by the IRS.

Meeting Minutes

All club officers and some members were present.

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Jennifer Catron, announced her resignation from HDBC due to her moving out of state.

No volunteers agreed to take on these tasks. A proposal was made to dissolve HDBC as a separate entity.

Vote to dissolve HDBC: Unanimous consent from all members present.

Vote to dissolve HDBC assets in accordance with the HDBC Constitution and Bylaws: Unanimous consent, less one abstention (Dorothy Newbill).

Vote to liquidate HDBC monetary assets and give them to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM rather than American Federation of Aviculture (AFA): Unanimous consent less one abstention (Dorothy Newbill).

These meeting minutes are to be posted in the final newsletter.

Run out the website domain name and HDBC cell phone which are prepaid to October and November 2026 respectively.

Notify our website host, DreamHost, which has provided us with a no-cost website as part of their community service.

Carolyn Newell and Jennifer Catron to close out the HDBC checking account and have a cashier's check made out to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

Jennifer Catron will notify the IRS when filing the 990-N report for 2026 that HDBC is no longer a going concern.

All financial records, receipts, and IRS documents shall be retained by club Treasurer, Carolyn Newell

Meeting ended, March 28, 2026.

Farewell

Officers and members were asked if they'd like to share any thoughts or comments about HDBC.

Carolyn and Sparky Newell

It has been our great pleasure to have served in the capacity of Charter members and officers of High Desert Bird Club of NM. We are honored to have served with such a great team.



Dorothy Newbill

Thank you for the friendship this club has brought. Lessons learned and all of the awesome adventures!! As the Bird Club President for the past three years, I was able to teach what I was taught and share my rescue experiences.



Thank you for choosing BOAFNM for the 501(c)(3) donation contribution. We are so very honored and this will help all the birds in rescue.

Please look for our community outreach activities and join us for a great Bird Time.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Susan Carolus

So long and thanks for all the fish... *(OK, she didn't say that, but she did serve as Bird Club Vice President and did an excellent job in helping organize and participate in bird club events and activities. Editor)*



Yvonne Patino

What a amazing time I have had to get to know the members of HDBC. Thank you for the knowledge, love and support you have all brought to myself and BOAF. I will miss you dearly. Onward to wonderful adventures.



Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption



Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BOAF) officially reopened the adoption process on January 15, 2026.

Quite a few birds were surrendered during the adoption hiatus, especially budgies. All kinds of birds found their way to BOAF from Zebra finches to Macaws. All are looking for a new person in their life and a kind and loving home.



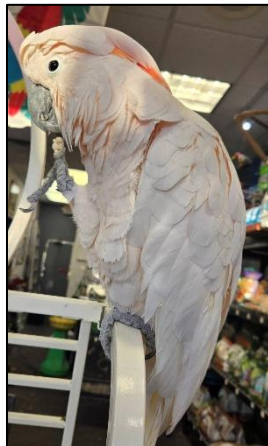
If you are interested in adopting, fostering, or volunteering, please complete an application posted on their website at:

<https://www.birdsofafaethernm.org/>

You can also follow them on their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafaethernm/> for current events and activities at the rescue.

**Rosevelt
Moluccan Cockatoo**



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.

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](#)

Classified Ads

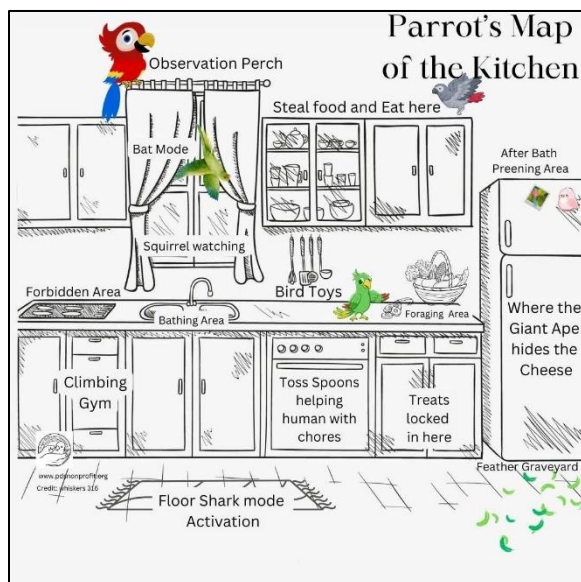
Pet Sitting

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-five 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

7 signs you're doing well in life:

1. You have a parrot. 🦜
2. You have more than one parrot. 🎉
3. Your parrots love you. ❤️
4. Everytime you see a parrot you smile. 😊
5. Your phone is full of parrot pics. 📱
6. You have conversations with parrots. 🦜
7. You would rather stay home with your parrot than go out. 🏠



Friends of HDBC

