

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

August 18, 2010 – Potluck Dinner and AFA PowerPoint presentations. Monthly meeting at PHCC. **Note Date Change**

Sept 1, 2010 – Dr. Levenson, Topic TBD.

Oct 6, 2010 – Estate Planning for Your Pets. Monthly meeting at PHCC.

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Words from the Prez

Dear Fellow Bird Lovers,

I am happy to say that it appears that, with the exception of very rare birds, our avian friends will be placed on the group 1 list used by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF). This means we will be able to bring in pet birds to New Mexico without permits. This is also good news for those of us who travel with our birds out of and into New Mexico.

Working together really does pay off. I extend a special thank you to all who wrote letters to the NMDGF. We were also tremendously helped by the AFA, which shows just how valuable our affiliation is with them.

More good news is that we have a new Treasurer. Roberta Birch has agreed to volunteer as our HDBC Treasurer for the remainder of the year. A special thank you goes to you, Roberta.

HDBC gave another Bird Friends presentation to the Paradise Hills Community Center. It was great fun and well attended. Details about the presentation are listed in the Education section of this issue.

Last month we had a very fun round-table discussion on treats and other foods we give our birds. Some of the recipes shared are also included in this issue.

This month is our summer pot luck dinner. Bring some of your favorite food to share. The Club will supply the plates, utensils, and soft drinks. We will also have a raffle afterwards, so prepare to have fun.

See you all there.

Sandi Brennan



Bird Club Biz

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Monthly Meetings

First Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

Meeting time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location:

Paradise Hills Community Center
5901 Paradise Hills Blvd. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114

Club Officers

President: Sandi Brennan
Vice President: Anna Sloan
Secretary: Marion Beal
Treasurer: Roberta Birch

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Advertising/Publicity: Jerry Tuttle
AFA Delegate: Betty Hall
Bird Expo: **Available**
Bird Rescue: Sandi Brennan
Education: **Available**
Fundraising: Penny Sullivan
Hospitality: Stephanie Calkins
Library: Betty Hall
Membership: **Available**
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron
Raffle: Betty Hall and Rochelle Schwalb
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report as of 7/23/10

Beginning balance	\$2,124.83
Revenue	\$63.00
Expenses	\$46.48
Ending balance	\$2,141.35

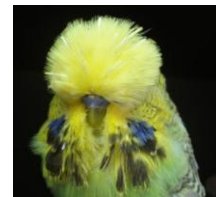
The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a 501(c)(3) educational, public charity recognized by the IRS.

Membership Requirements

Any person interested in cage birds who agrees to support the objectives in the HDDB 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



English Budgerigar

Dues are required and payable in January of each year or at a quarterly pro-rated amount upon joining the Club.

Newsletter Policy

Birdy Bytes is 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 HDDB 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-only ad of up to 50 words 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 pending.

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@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803. Thank you.



Meeting Presentations

August Meeting

Our August monthly meeting date is the **third Wednesday of this month, August 18, 2010**. The PHCC facility is closed for maintenance during the first two weeks.

A potluck dinner and AFA PowerPoint presentations are scheduled for this month. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite food and some to share. If you have any questions about what to bring, please contact Stephanie Calkins, our Hospitality Chairperson, at 836-4430. The AFA PowerPoint presentations are about



Do you know me?

bird identification. Three clues are given to identify a bird. It's fun, educational, and there might be a small prize for the winning team. Join us for some good eats and possible pictures of bird feet.

July Meeting

Home Cooking for Your Flock

Our July monthly meeting focused on home-made bird treats and other good eats for birds. Some recipes started with basic, fresh ingredients; some recipes added to existing muffin mixes, and one recipe involved live earthworms. Even though most parrots are omnivores, the earthworm recipe didn't go over too well. So much for fresh protein. Not to worry if you weren't able to attend the July meeting. Here are some recipes that were shared sans the earthworms.

Birdie Bread from Sandi Brennan

2 cups whole wheat flour
2 cups yellow corn meal
6 eggs including eggshells finely ground
1/4 cup vegetable oil
Whole milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9"x9" pan with vegetable oil. Mix everything

except the milk in a medium bowl. Add milk while rapidly stirring the batter until it is similar to a thick cake batter. Bake in the 9"x9" pan for 40 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Cranberry Cornbread from Roberta Birch

2 boxes of Jiffy cornbread mix
1/2 can of creamed corn
1 tbs of corn meal
4 eggs (eggshell optional)
1 cup of frozen cranberries

Mix all ingredients together and bake according to the instructions on the Jiffy cornbread box.

Monthly Meeting Place

HDHC thanks J.R. LeBerge-Esparza at the Paradise Hills Community Center for renewing our facility use agreement for another year. We appreciate being able to use the facility for our monthly meetings. Thank you very much!

Please mark your calendars for future HDHC meeting dates. We will continue to meet the first Wednesday of the month except for June and August each year. The PHCC will be closed the first two weeks of those months for maintenance and repairs. We will meet on the **THIRD** Wednesday for June and August. Our meeting time has also slightly changed to 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM.

2010

August 18th – Third Wednesday
September 1st
October 6th
November 3rd
December 1st

2011

January 5th
February 2nd
March 2nd
April 6th
May 4th
June 15th – Third Wednesday
July 6th
August 17th – Third Wednesday



Rosella (clue)

Education

Bird Friends Presentations

HDBC members Sandi Brennan, Jerry Tuttle, Sallie Anderson and Sallie's granddaughter, Cori, gave a Bird Friends presentation at Paradise Hills Community Center on July 20th. About 100 children attended to learn about parrots and pet birds. As a special feature, Jerry Tuttle also brought some reptiles from his collection. Some of the special guest stars included two baby Severe Macaws, two Eclectus, a Green-cheek Conure, a Scarlet Macaw, a snake, and a Gila monster!

HDBC offers Bird Friends presentations free of charge to schools or community groups. Each program is tailored to the audience or can be customized to cover specific topics.

For more information about Birds Friends presentations or to schedule one, please call Sandi Brennan at Conurelady@msn.com or 505-281-7729. HDBC members are encouraged to participate in giving a presentation; it's fun, easy, and helps people learn more about pet birds. We're all about the birds.

Bird Words

Avianagrams

Unscramble these bird-related words and uncover the hidden message. The letters in **bold** form a secret message.

1. SALLERO
2. CAMAW
3. ERQUKA
4. DIEGUB
5. OCCTAKOO
6. ZAMANO

Hint: Birdspeak

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Laws and Regulations

NMDGF Regulations and Pet Birds

On July 8, 2010, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) approved proposed amendments to regulations regarding importation of non-native species into New Mexico. These regulations also apply to pet birds.

One of our goals was to create a comprehensive list of pet birds that are exempt from importation regulation because they are not a threat to native NM species, and are not considered threatened or endangered species. These birds would be categorized as "group 1". Many people worked very hard on creating a comprehensive list of pet birds to be exempt. New Mexico residents, AFA members, and other supportive people, sent letters and emails to the NMDGF. An article about this matter is in the September issue of *Bird Talk*.



It worked. Most pet birds made it on the list as group 1. A few birds, like the button quail, (a common aviary bird) are still not on the list and should be.

Button Quail The list is still in draft form and open for additional comments and input. We still have time to add pet birds that are not on the list.

To view a copy of the current list, go to http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/apps_permit/documents/DIRECTORSIMPORTLISTJULY192010.pdf. If you do not see the name of a pet bird that should be on the list with a group 1 exemption, please contact Letitia Mee at Letitia.Mee@state.nm.us or (505) 476-8064.

Please take a few minutes to check out the current NMDGF list. Our efforts make a difference.

HDBC Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

No birds are currently available for adoption through HDBC.

If you or someone you know is looking to rehome a bird, HDBC has a rescue, foster, and adoption program in place and we can handle the whole process. We are also willing to work with those who want to be more proactive in placing their bird on their own in a new home. Anyone looking to rehome their bird and does not want to go through the rescue process is welcome to attend HDBC monthly meetings and network with members and guests.

Birds of a feather flock together and the same goes for bird lovers. Networking with other birdy people can help increase the chance of finding a good, new home for your bird.

HDBC can only provide a platform for networking; we cannot guarantee the health or condition of a bird being rehomed through private parties.

Completing a Birdy Basics class is part of the HDBC adoption process and requirement. We're still working on developing a class outline and presentation. Class dates, times and locations will be announced in both *Birdy Bytes* and on our website as soon as possible.

AFA in Brief

AFA IN BRIEF

Not posted for August 2010
Editor - Carol Lee

36th Annual AFA Convention,
The Magic of Birds!
August 4-7, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Florida
Hilton St. Petersburg -Bayfront,
333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida.
(727) 894-5000.

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) is a nonprofit national organization established in 1974, whose purpose is to represent all aspects of aviculture and to educate the public about keeping and breeding birds in captivity.



AFA has a membership consisting of bird breeders, pet bird owners, avian veterinarians, pet/bird store owners, bird product manufacturers, and other people interested in the future of aviculture.

AFA defines anyone keeping exotic birds in captivity as an "aviculturist" but AFA advocates that this designation carries with it certain responsibilities transcending those of the owners of domesticated pets like dogs and cats.

AFA believes holders of exotic birds need to be aware of the special needs of the species they hold, be aware of their conservation status, up-to-date research findings enhancing the well-being of the birds, and the state and federal regulations pertaining to exotic birds.

AFA has been identified as the nation's grass roots organization of bird breeders by the U.S. Congress's Office of Technology and Assessment.

HDBC is affiliated with the American Federation of Aviculture

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Raffle Fun

Want a chance to win cool birdy stuff? HDBC hosts a raffle at most monthly meetings. Ticket prices are:

50 cents for each ticket
 \$5.00 for 12 tickets
 \$10.00 for 24 tickets

Raffle prizes are member supported. Donations of bird-related items are always welcome and encouraged. Bird-related items include bird toys, accessories, art, literature, or bird services like help with cleaning.

One free raffle ticket for each donated item is given to the donor.

If you have any questions about the raffle or what to donate, please contact one of the raffle chairpersons: Betty Hall at 977-2953, or Rochelle Schwalb at birdqueen7@netzero.net.

Support HDBC. Donate some prizes. Buy some raffle tickets. Have some fun!

Classified Ads

Handfed Birds: Conures: \$100-\$400; Severe Macaws \$800. Hand-made bird toys and Avitech products. Ten percent of your purchase price will be donated to HDBC when you mention this ad. Please call Sandi Brennan at 505-281-7729.

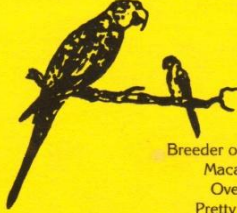
For Sale: New and used breeder bird cages. Three flight cages (32"x22"x37") with sturdy rolling stands \$50 and up. One stainless steel, dome-top parrot cage (40"x30"x72") \$450 obo. All cages are priced below wholesale. Two male Quaker Parrots, one blue and one green, bonded pair \$250 obo. Please call Betty Hall at 505-977-2953.



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