

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

Sept 1, 2010 – “Fact or Fiction”, AFA PowerPoint Presentation on Parrot Behavior and Care

Oct 6, 2010 – Dr. Levenson, What’s New in Avian Medicine and Care

Nov 3, 2010 – Estate Planning for Your Pets

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Words from the Prez

Dear Fellow Bird Friends,

Our potluck dinner at the August meeting was a small group, but we had lots of fun. We enjoyed good food and after dinner played “Name that Bird”. The winning team received walnuts to share with our birds. I hope to see more of you at the next meeting. We will be playing another game called “Fact or Fiction” and once again testing our knowledge about pet birds.

October is going to be very important time for HDBC. As well as having a speaker, we nominate officer candidates for the Club. Unfortunately, I cannot re-run for HDBC president for next year. My health and other commitments make it so that I cannot do the job.

Please be thinking about who you would like for President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer of HDBC. All Club officer positions are open and we need your participation. Consider becoming a Club officer or committee chairperson. The success of HDBC depends on you, the membership, to help everyone learn more about proper care for birds. What we do is a good thing for birds and people.

Please feel free to ask me or any Club officer about what is involved in being a Club officer. A detailed list of duties and powers of officers is also included in our Club bylaws and posted on our website. The future of HDBC is in our hands, and you can make a difference.

I look forward to seeing you and feathered friends at the meeting. Thank you for your support.

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
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Committee Chairpersons

Advertising/Publicity: Jerry Tuttle
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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 8/25/10

Beginning balance	\$2,141.35
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$46.48
Ending balance	\$2,094.87

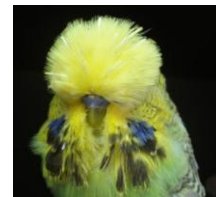
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Membership Requirements

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

September Meeting

Our September meeting will feature another AFA PowerPoint presentation. This presentation is called "Fact or Fiction" and is also setup in a quiz-type format. Like the presentation "Name That Bird", this presentation contains wonderful photos of a variety of parrots.

Questions revolve around parrot origins, physiology, care and behavior. We can form teams again and test our knowledge of pet birds.



Join us for some friendly competition and learning more about pet birds.

Cockatoo Singing the "Feed Me" Song

August Meeting

Our August monthly meeting featured a tasty potluck dinner and a lively competition.

We used the AFA PowerPoint presentation of bird identification titled "Name That Bird". Two teams were formed, the "Bold Beaks" and the "Lively Feet", and three clues were offered to identify 21 different types of birds. The Lively Feet team identified the most birds and won a bag of walnuts in the shell. The Bold Beaks team identified several birds on the first or second try, and took second place winning a bag of almonds in the shell.

Everyone went home a winner with a treat for their birds and a little more knowledge about parrot identification.

This AFA PowerPoint presentation is part of the HDBC library and is available to members for checkout. Please contact our HDBC librarian, Betty Hall, at 505-977-2953, if you'd like to test your knowledge on bird identification.

Name That Bird Hint: If you're looking for this bird in the wild, you will not find it.

Answer: The Spix's Macaw is a very rare macaw and extinct in the wild.

Only 70-80 birds exist in the world, and all are now in captive breeding programs.



Future Programs

Do you have some ideas for a future HDBC program or know someone who would be an interesting speaking? We are always looking for program ideas and speakers.

We have speakers and events scheduled for the next three months. In October, Dr. Levenson will present information from the most recent Avian Veterinarian conference and what's new in avian care.

In November, we tentatively have an attorney scheduled to talk about estate planning and your pets. We'll learn about what we can and should do to plan for our pets when we are no longer around to take care of them.

In December, let's put on a show. Bird Star is back! Like we hosted at our Bird Expo last year, we'll have a talent competition for our birds. Categories are Vocalists, Dancers, and Special Talents. Prizes and bragging rights will go to the best contestant in each category. More details about entering your bird star will be posted in future *Birdy Bytes*.



Member contribution and input makes HDBC meeting presentations interesting and fun. Program and project ideas are always welcome. Please contact Jennifer Catron at jrcatron@Q.com with your HDBC meeting ideas or information. Thank you for your help.

Education

Bird Friends Presentations

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 contact 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.

Laws and Regulations

NMDGF Regulations and Pet Birds

On August 4, 2010, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) finalized and approved their species importation list. As we had hoped, most pet and aviary birds are categorized into Group I. All species included in Group I are designated semi-domesticated animals and do not require an importation permit. This is very good news for those of us who travel with our birds, bird breeders, brokers and pet shop operators that acquire birds from out-of-state, and vendors that sell birds at bird marts.

Birds that are currently on the Federal or State threatened or endangered species list

are categorized into Group IV. Importation of any species in Group IV is prohibited for the general public, but may



Golden Conures are on the Group IV List

be allowed for scientific study, department approved restoration and recovery plans, zoological display, temporary events/entertainment, or use as service animal or by a qualified expert. Application for a permit to import any birds on the Group IV list is required and fees apply.

To view the finalized and approved species importation list, or the text of the NMDGF regulation, go to www.wildlife.state.nm.us, click on the Apps and Permits tab, and scroll down to the section of Importation Information and Applications for links.

Thank you again to everyone who helped create a list of pet birds that are now included in the Group I list. Our efforts made 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 manage the whole process. We also can work with anyone looking to rehome their bird and does not want to go through the rescue process. Everyone 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

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2010 Convention DVDs

Selected videos of presentations from the 2010 AFA Convention are now available on DVD from the AFA Store! **Orders placed before September 6, 2010 will receive an additional 10% off using this order form.** Proceeds from the sale of these DVDs help further AFA's efforts in Conservation and Research, and are a great addition to your library of educational material. Quantity discounts apply. Visit the AFA Store for more information.

Proposed Legislation in New Mexico

New Mexico Proposed Regulations of Non-Domestic Animals, Birds, and Fish under Title 19 Natural Resources and Wildlife, Chapter 35 Captive Wildlife Uses, Part 7 Importation of Live Non-Domestic Animals, Birds and Fish Update: The rules under the New Mexico captive wildlife law have been finalized. Your AFA took part in the development of the lists of avian species. As it stands there are four lists, numbered 1 through 4, where list 1 are the species that do not require a "State import permit" to be brought into New Mexico, and where list 4 does require a permit. Through much coordination between AFA members and the AFA CITES Committee Chair, Rick Jordan, most psittacines are listed on list 1 and do not require a permit. However, any parrot species also listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act is still listed on list 4 and will require State approval to be brought into the State. Be advised there are several common species on this list including Scarlet-chested parakeets, Turquoise Parakeets, Hooded parakeets, Golden Conures, Cuban and Vinaceous amazons and a few others.

If you would like to read the official AFA position paper on the New Mexico import law, below are an excerpt and a link to the entire document.

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) submits that there is insufficient scientific and/or commercial data to support the proposals that psittacine species, as well as the many species of birds that are commonly kept in captivity in New Mexico and throughout the United States

(either as pets or as breeders), should be treated as non-domestic, or as dangerous, or as invasive, or as likely to cause harm to the economy, environment, protected wildlife, human health or safety in New Mexico...to read more, go to www.afabirds.org.

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DVD Videos of Selected Presentations from the 2009 AFA Convention

Need to beef up that Bird Club Library with educational materials? Just want to review a topic presented at the 2009 AFA Convention? Selected videos of presentations from our 2009 Convention are now available on DVD from the AFA Business Office. The price is \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00 plus postage. Get the whole set today. To order go to: www.afabirds.org <http://www.afabirds.org/>. Proceeds help the AFA Conservation and Research fund.

Loro Parque 2010 Parrot Conventions

In September 2010, there will be two conventions at the famed Loro Parque in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain. The First International Convention on Conservation of Parrots, and the Seventh International Parrot Convention plus three additional workshops. The American Federation of Aviculture is the official US organizer. For more information and to register: <http://loroparque2010.homestead.com/>

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Raffle Fun

Want a chance to win cool birdy stuff? HDHC 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 HDHC. Donate some prizes. Buy some raffle tickets. Have some fun!

Hospitality Table

Do you like snacks? Do you like to share? HDHC invites you to share some snacks at our hospitality table 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.

Classified Ads

Handfed Birds: Many types of Conures: \$300-\$600 per pair, some single birds available; Severe Macaws \$800. Hand-made bird toys and Avitech products. Please call Sandi Brennan at 505-281-7729.

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