

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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August 2011

Upcoming Events

- Aug 17th** – Monthly Meeting: Exotics of the Rainforest presents Macaws and Amazons. (**Note third Wednesday date.**)
- Aug 20th** – Community Outreach: PETCO, Info Table, Cottonwood Corners, ABQ
- Sept 7th** – Monthly Meeting: Eclectus Parrots: Red or Green? Yes!
- Sept 24th - 25th** – Community Outreach: 2011 Corrales Harvest Festival
- Oct 5th** – Monthly Meeting: DVD Captive Foraging – Making Foraging Toys for your Parrots

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Words from the Prez

Hi Birdie Buddies!

When was the last time you needed to find a specific type of bird? A specific specie, specific gender, specific age bracket and within a day's driving distance, that's all I asked.

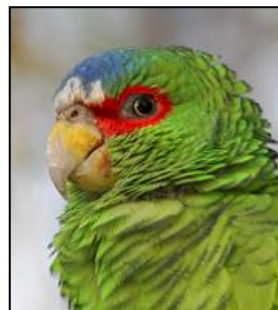
The Internet is a great resource. You can find anything out there from weird colored wigs to 150 foot yachts. I have frequently described the Internet as being the world's largest library – with all the books dumped on the floor. Everything is findable, but you have to know the magic words to make it come forth. I guess I haven't found those words yet.

All I want is a middle-aged, female White-Fronted Amazon. Lots of people call them Spectacled Amazons. I even saw where someone referred to one as a Red Spectacled, which it was not.

I have learned so much - but not where the available females are hidden. There are rescue groups who have some, but they won't even respond to me because I don't live in their area, making home visits impossible.

Guess my message is that when you have a bird you want to adopt out to a new home, please respond to the inquiry. If that someone is not in your local area, but they are willing to drive 400 or 500 miles each way to pick it up, please consider their request. There might be a lonely little boy bird waiting for just the little girl bird you have and you could make them both very happy.

Roberta Birch



Bird Club Biz

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Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

Monthly Meetings

First Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

Meeting time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Location:

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

Club Officers

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Membership: Tim Parish and Penny Sullivan
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron
Raffle: Karen Wingrove
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report as of 7/21/11

Beginning balance	\$2,148.24
Revenue	\$122.00
Expenses	\$26.39
Ending balance	\$2,243.85

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

Dues are 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 (Note Third Wednesday Meeting Date)

Exotics of the Rainforest present Macaws and Amazons. Carolyn and Sparky Newell will do a presentation about Macaws and Amazons. Some background information will be given about these colorful birds, their care, their abilities and special needs.

The Newell's birds are beautiful and talented. So we're in for an educational and entertainment treat you won't want to miss! Mark your calendars and see you at the meeting.

Call for Macaws and Amazons. All members who have a Macaw or Amazon are encouraged to bring their bird to this meeting.



Military Macaw

July Meeting

Our July meeting presentation featured another fine DVD from the AFA Convention in 2009. The topic was "Avicultural Challenges and Successes: Highlights of the Loro Parque Fundacion Psittacine Collection". Loro Parque has the largest, most diverse parrot collection in the world. Dr. David Waugh shows pictures of their aviaries, feeding systems, rare parrots and baby birds. It's an excellent presentation with lots of information, and a real treat to see some rare and endangered parrot species. The DVD is part of the HDBC library and is available for checkout. Please contact our librarian for its availability.

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 Bird 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.

Community Outreach

We have two community outreach events coming up for HDBC.

PETCO

PETCO has invited us to participate in their Hawaiian-themed event on August 20, 2011. Just like we did last time, we will staff an information table with HDBC literature and answer questions about pet birds. Larry Gonzales, Manager of the Cottonwood PETCO, invited us to participate in their Hawaiian theme.

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2011

Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Place: PETCO Cottonwood Corners

(Next to Cost Plus, Bed, Bath and Beyond, and across from Lowes, near the Cottonwood mall)

Corrales Harvest Festival

An application to participate in the Corrales Harvest Festival was submitted and we are pending confirmation.

Date: Sat and Sun, Sept. 24-25, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Place: Corrales

This is a two-day, outdoor event. If we do get accepted and invited to participate, we will set up an HDBC information booth with tables, chairs and a shade canopy. Our usual fare. Two, four-hour shifts are planned for each day, that way we and our birds have a chance to rest and enjoy part of the day.

If you'd like to help staff the HDBC table at PETCO or at the Corrales Harvest Festival, please let Jennifer Catron know either at the August meeting or via email (jrcatron@Q.com).

These events are really easy to do and a lot of fun. You can hang out with other birdy people and talk about birds all day. Our favorite topic!

HDBC Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

We currently don't have any birds available for adoption. If you know of a pet bird or someone that may need our bird rescue and adoption services, please contact HDBC through our hotline at (505) 554-0804

The HDBC Bird Rescue Policy, adoption applications, and other bird rescue forms are posted on our website at www.HighDesertBirdClub.org.

Completing a Birdy Basics class is part of the adoption process and requirement. The first class will be scheduled soon. Class dates, times and locations will be announced in both *Birdy Bytes* and on our website as soon as possible.

HDBC Library

The HDBC library is available to all HDBC members. We're accumulating an impressive collection of bird related books, magazines, and DVDs.

If you'd like to check out something from the HDBC library, contact Betty Hall at 505-977-2953.

Hospitality Table

Do you like snacks? Do you like to share? HDBC 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.



**Amazon Parrot Chick
Ready for a Snack**

Thank you for your contribution and support.

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.

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



Thank you to everyone who has generously donated items for our raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

HDBC T-Shirts *SALE*

Wear your support for HDBC. Our HDBC T-shirt is 100% preshrunk cotton in Macaw red with our name and Hiram logo in white. We still have a good selection of sizes in Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large (S, M, L, and XL).



If you have been waiting to buy, now is your chance to support HDBC and enjoy a bargain. These T-shirts are the original, first issue design for HDBC. Collect your part of HDBC history for the special sale price of only **\$10.00!**

HDBC T-shirts are available for sale at the monthly meetings and most community outreach events. You can purchase your shirt for cash or check payable to High Desert Bird Club of NM. Show your support and stand out in a crowd with a colorful HDBC T-shirt.

Dimorphic Birds

By Roberta Birch

One of the blessings of having White-Fronted Amazons is that they are dimorphic, meaning that there are visual differences between the males and the females.

During the off season, it is amazing how similar their coloring is. Both have white feathers above their nares with blue on top of their heads. Beneath the white and blue is red, which circles their eyes, leading to their other common name, Spectacled Amazon. The females have fewer white feathers in the front and they're not always a pure clean white color. The females may also have a small red feather or two on the front edge of their wings, but the males, wow! When they open their wings there are huge red areas that get exposed.



Remē and Scratchy, White-Fronted Amazons

But! When breeding season comes into full swing the colors change and become so amazingly different! The female's green coloring molts into a yellowish green with the top blue colors turning a beautiful turquoise. The males develop a beautiful bluish sheen on the backs of their heads and across their shoulders and upper chests. The blue spot on top of their heads turns a beautiful royal blue. There is no longer a guessing game as to who is which gender.

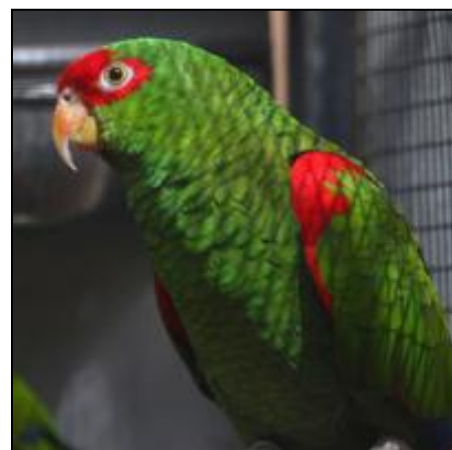
The photos are of my pair of White-Fronted Amazons, Remē and Scratchy. The one without the white feathers above its nares is a Red-Spectacled Amazon so you may see the difference.



"What are you doing with that camera?"



"I am the female here and Remē is MY male! STAY AWAY!"



Red-Spectacled Amazon

AFA IN BRIEF

July 2011

Editor - Carol Lee

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Convention! Lory League Hookbill Show -
Budgies to Macaws: Co-sponsored by the
Lineolated Parakeet Society

Birdshow@LoryLeague.com Saturday, August
6th - 9:00am to 3:00 pm
Judge: Linda Rubin - MA SPBE Affiliated

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http://www.afabirds.org/pdf/Super_8_2011.pdf

Drawing donations: \$2 per ticket, \$20 for 12
tickets. Deadline: Mail in tickets must be
received by the AFA by July 15, 2011 in order to
be entered in the drawing. On site purchases
and hand carried tickets may be deposited at the
2011 AFA Convention any time up to the
moment of the drawing. AFA is a 501(c)3
educational organization.

AFA Disaster Relief

We are all concerned for those who have lost
much due to the recent tornadoes in several
states. AFA's Disaster Relief Program was set
up to offer assistance to those impacted by a
disaster. If you need assistance or know of

anyone needing assistance with their birds,
please contact Fred Smith, AFA's Disaster Relief
Coordinator, so we can help those affected by
these tornadoes. Fred can be reached at
fredsmith@wildblue.net or 863-858-6739.

AFA AVY AWARDS APPLICANTS

The AFA Awards Committee has received
applications with one or more claims in the
following categories:

"First US Breeding Awards"

1. Lettered Aracari
2. Black-masked Emerald Toucanet

"Silver AVY Award, Category 1, Most Progress
for the Establishment of an Individual Species or
Group of Related Birds"

1. Queen of Bavaria (Golden) Conure

The above nominations were submitted by the
December 31, 2010 deadline to qualify for an
award at the upcoming 2011 convention. If you
know of additional breedings that previously
qualify or challenge these categories, please
contact: AFA Awards Chair Linda S. Rubin at:
LSR@CockatielsPlusParrots.com

New nominations for all categories of AFA AVY
Awards for 2012 will be accepted through
December 31, 2011. Please refer to the AVY
Awards Categories & Rules on the AFA website
by visiting,
http://afabirds.org/20061029_AVY.shtml.

NEW AFA SPECIALTIES & AFFILIATES

QUARTERLY Newsletter is ready for viewing!
The latest issue of the newsletter, Volume 2, No.
3., can be viewed directly as a .pdf file on the
AFA website either from the home page, or visit
http://afabirds.org/specialty_resources.shtml

AUGUST 6, 2011 SAN FRANCISCO: LORY LEAGUE presents THE SPBE ALL HOOKBILL SHOW, co-sponsored by the Lineolated Parakeet Society during the AFA Convention!

Marriot San Mateo Hotel,
Saturday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Pointed show
judged by Society of Parrot Breeders &
Exhibitors Certified Panel Judge: Linda S.
Rubin. Budgies through macaws; \$3.00 entry
fee per bird. \$5.00 admission at the door. For
calendar information, visit
<http://spbe.org/calendar.htm>; to enter birds or for
additional show information, email:
BirdShow@LoryLeague.com. To register for the
convention, visit
http://afabirds.org/2011_Convention/index.shtml.



New AFA Specialties and Affiliates

Newsletter Check www.afabirds.org to view the newsletter!

Attention Watchbird Contributors - Past and Present

We need your help! The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA) is attempting to preserve the history of AFA and of Aviculture since the start of AFA, by digitalizing the Watchbird issues to be accessible on our website. ...[more](#)

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By Rick Jordan & Barbara Heidenreich

With illustrations by Lyrae Perry



This online course provides a foundation for the emerging science of aviculture. It is presented in nine chapters ranging from anatomy and physiology to avian behavior; from laws and regulations affecting aviculture to how to provide proper housing and prevent illness of birds in our care. To learn more & to enroll, please go to: http://www.afabirds.org/foa_intro.shtml.

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Contact the AFA office for a discount when purchasing 10 or more! Phone: (512) 585-9800 email: afaoffice@afabirds.org

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Selected videos of presentations from the 2010 AFA Convention are now available on DVD from the AFA Store! 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.

AFA Board of Directors Meeting: August 3-6, 2011, AFA Convention, San Francisco, CA

Lory League Hookbill Show

August 6, 2011, San Francisco, CA

[Email for more information](#)

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CITES Pin number 26, the Plum-headed parakeet, is now available. Order yours today and keep your sets complete. All CITES pins can be purchased online at www.afabirds.org and follow the links to the store.

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Wanted: House/pet sitter for 2½ weeks in late summer. House located in the East Mountains. Prefer caretaking experience of large dogs and many birds. Willing to train. Contact Sandi Brennan at 505-281-7729.

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Word Puzzle

Polly Wanna Cracker?

Find all the names and related words listed to find a 14 letter phrase in the puzzle.

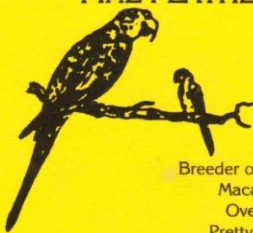
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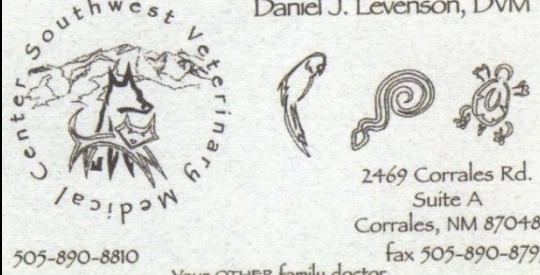
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New HDBC Website Feature

Birdkeeping Naturally is a monthly newsletter issued by Ed Cravens, an expert aviculturist. HDBC member, Karen Wingrove, has allowed us to post Mr. Cravens' newsletter on our website. Thank you Karen!

To view the July 2011 issue of Birdkeeping Naturally, click on this link:
<http://www.highdesertbirdclub.org/drupal/node/43>.