

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

Aug 22nd – General Meeting,
Program: Back to School Goody Bags for
Parrots
RGSCC, Albuquerque, NM

Sept 26th – General Meeting,
Program: Bird Spa Night
RGSCC, Albuquerque, NM

Oct 24th – General Meeting,
Program: TBD
RGSCC, Albuquerque, NM

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Words from the Prez

Hello Everyone,

If you love birds but cannot adopt, please consider becoming a foster home! This can make a big difference in a homeless bird's life. You and your home can provide birds with the care and socialization they need while they await their forever homes.

Foster homes become acquainted with a bird's unique personality and behaviors, and they can share their knowledge with prospective adopters. This knowledge allows adopters to make an informed decision on which bird best fits their lifestyle and expectations.

A foster home requires a dedicated and understanding person and/or family. It's a responsibility that should not be taken lightly. Birds that are fostered are potentially disturbed by the changes to their environment and may require extra effort to ensure they remain healthy and happy.

Before you make the decision to foster, you should consider the space the bird will need in your home and the time you will need to spend caring, feeding, and socializing the parrot. Those who foster need to have the time, space, and desire to interact and socialize the bird daily. Because many birds that end up in rescues and shelters have come from situations where they were neglected or abused, it's important that you are available to spend time socializing and conditioning the parrot to accept human interaction.

Many of the birds that need Avian Foster Parents are not the cute, quiet, easy going parrots. The parrots with concerns related to stress, medical or behavior issues go to an appropriate Avian Foster Parent. Now, there is an occasional dove, pigeon, parakeet, or lovebird that may just need some quiet time.

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Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
P.O. Box 67855
Albuquerque, NM 87193
www.HighDesertBirdClub.org

Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

General Meetings

Fourth Thursday of the month

Meeting time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location:

Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center
9800 - 4th Street NW
Albuquerque, NM
Map link: <http://goo.gl/maps/tk52Y>

Club Officers

President: Margaret Johnson
Vice President: Carolyn Newell
Secretary: Sparky Newell
Treasurer: Jennifer Catron

Committee Chairpersons

Advertising/Publicity: Available
AFA Delegate: Jennifer Catron
Bird Rescue: Margaret Johnson
Education: Dorothy Newbill
Fundraising: Available
Hospitality: Sparky Newell
Library: Carolyn and Sparky Newell
Membership: Available
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron
Raffle: Available
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 6/30/19)	\$1,815.85
Revenue (memberships)	\$10.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 7/31/19)	\$1,825.85

**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 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 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 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 jcatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meetings

August: 'Back to School' Goody Bags

Our general meeting this month will focus on assembly of goody bags for parrots. Remember way back when you found a special treat or toy in your brown-bag lunch at school? It made our day and lunch extra special.

Join us to assemble some brown-bag goodies of chewable toys, colorful paper, and treats for our birds. We'll also compile some extra bags to donate to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue to help birds awaiting homes feel special too.

Members, guests, and birds are always welcome. Tell a friend.

September: Bird Spa Night

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting another Bird Spa Night!

Does your parrot need a nail trim, beak grooming, or flight feathers trimmed? The meeting activity for September partners HDBC and Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue to host a bird grooming clinic.



Our club President, Margaret Johnson, has volunteered to provide bird grooming services for a donation to the parrot rescue.

An appointment is highly recommended. Space and time is limited. We cannot guarantee time for non-appointment walk-ins. You can either email Jennifer Catron at jrcatron@Q.com, or call Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 to reserve your space.

Suggested donation for these services:

Nail Trim

Big birds (Amazon to Macaw)	\$15.00
Small to medium birds	\$10.00

Beak Grooming

Large birds only, and only if your bird needs beak points ground to a manageable curve.

\$8.00-\$10.00

Flight Feathers Trimmed

Big birds	\$8.00-\$10.00
Small to medium birds	\$8.00

Join us to support your local parrot rescue and bird club, and enjoy the opportunity to meet others with the same love for the birds!

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Open roundtable discussion about birds, molting, and bird care.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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.

Thank you for your support.



Words from the Prez Continued

Fostering is also a great way to “get your feet wet” if you are interested in adopting. It is important you understand the responsibilities of having a parrot before committing to a lifetime of caring for a parrot.



Goffins Cockatoo

You never know. By fostering, you may find out you adore Cockatoos and not Conures or perhaps have an affinity just for helping birds find the perfect forever home. You might even find your feathered soulmate.

If any member is interested, please reach out and let us know as there are many birds right now that are in need of fostering.

Thanks and hope to see everyone soon.

Margaret Johnson

Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

A wide 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.



Scarlet Macaw



Green Cheek Conure

If you're interested in adding a feathered friend to your family, please contact Dorothy Newbill (BFPR) at (505) 980-6166, or you can call our HDBC Pet Bird Rescue Hotline at (505) 554-0804 for assistance.

If you are interested in fostering or adopting a parrot, BFPR is a **very** active parrot rescue. They are always working with a variety of different pet birds from Amazons to Macaws, and the smaller birds like budgies and cockatiels. They've even had some hand-tame doves available for adoption.

For more information, call Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 or check out their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



Double Yellow-headed Amazon

Facebook Fun



Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared

Friends of HDBC

