

# Birdy Bytes

## Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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### Upcoming Events

- Sept 26<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting,  
Program: Bird Foot Toy Workshop  
RGSCC, Albuquerque, NM
- Oct 24<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting,  
Program: Bird Spa Night  
RGSCC, Albuquerque, NM
- Nov and Dec** – Combined General Meeting,  
Program: TBD  
Albuquerque, NM

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### Words from the Prez

Hello Everyone,

As the new season is here, I want to wish you a happy Autumnal Equinox; or more simply known as the season of pumpkin flavored everything.

This is the season of harvest and a bounty of fresh fruit and vegetables are available to us and our birds. It's a good time to stock up on food that can be frozen or dried for use during winter. A variety of nuts in the shell become more readily available in the grocery stores.

When stocking up on nuts and any other foodstuff, it's important to store them properly to retain nutritional value and prevent spoilage. Even nuts in the shell can go bad if not stored properly. The best way is to freeze everything if you have the freezer space.

If you don't have the extra freezer space, it's a good idea to get some good air-tight storage containers. Plastic or glass will work. I like to use several separate containers in case any pests like bugs or rodents gain access to the food. This helps limit their access and spoiling the whole stock.

Store the containers in a cool, dry place and not exposed to sun light. This won't guarantee to prevent spoilage, but it can extend the storage time.

Always give stored food and nuts the sniff test before using. If there is a sharp or acrid smell when you open the container, the food has gone bad. Also, if you notice webbing, little bugs or worms in the food, throw it away. Yes, some birds eat bugs, but not those bugs. Also, if you see mold, mildew, or any type degradation of the foodstuff, the food has gone bad.

Enjoy the season, the cooler weather, and a bountiful harvest.

**Margaret Johnson**



## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
P.O. Box 67855  
Albuquerque, NM 87193  
[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Albuquerque, NM  
Map link: <http://goo.gl/maps/tk52Y>

### Club Officers

President: Margaret Johnson  
Vice President: Available  
Secretary: Available  
Treasurer: Jennifer Catron

### Committee Chairpersons

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

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 7/31/19)	\$1,825.85
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 8/31/19)	<b>\$1,825.85</b>

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

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### 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](mailto:jcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meetings

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### September: Bird Foot Toy Workshop

Due to scheduling conflicts, Bird Spa Night is rescheduled to our October meeting.

Our general meeting this month will focus on assembly of foot toys for parrots. Foot toys are anything a parrot can hold in his or her foot. Some foot toys include interesting beads, shredable items, or edible treats. These toys are quick and easy to make and add to the enrichment of your bird friend.



Join us to assemble some parrot foot toys. Members, guests, and birds are always welcome. Tell a friend.

### October: 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 (BFPR) 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](mailto: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!

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

## Meeting Minutes

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Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Meeting activity involved assembly of "Back to School Goody Bags" for parrots. Forty bags were assembled, 32 were donated to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue. Lots of happy birds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## Hospitality Table

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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.



## New Avian Vet in Town

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We are so fortunate to have knowledgeable and certified avian veterinarians in the Albuquerque metropolitan area. A new avian Vet, Dr. Timothy O'Leary, has joined the Ventana Animal Clinic. Good avian care requires a special set of skills and knowledge that are sometimes hard to find.

Dr. O'Leary is working with and has the endorsement of one of our favorite Vets, Dr. Linda Contos. Welcome Dr. O'Leary.



Website: <http://www.ventanaac.com/>

## AFA Conference 2020

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The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) conference held this year in Orlando, Florida, has successfully commenced. No HDBC members attended this year. Maybe it was the 100° heat or the 100% humidity. We high

desert dwellers are not used to that.

The good news is next year the conference is being held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The AFA conference is great fun, highly informative, and a wonderful opportunity to meet and network with lots of bird-loving people. Mark your calendar for August 6-8, 2020, and plan to attend!

Here's a link to the AFA website with more information:

[http://afabirds.org/2018\\_WordPress/conference/](http://afabirds.org/2018_WordPress/conference/)

## Thank You and Best Wishes to the Newells

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Two of our charter members of HDBC have decided to step down from their positions as officers of the club and club activities to focus on other endeavors.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Carolyn and Sparky Newell for your time, energy and help to build our fledgling bird club to one that celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this last June.

Thank you and we wish you all the best in your future adventures.



**Sparky and Carolyn Newell Giving a Presentation to HDBC**

## Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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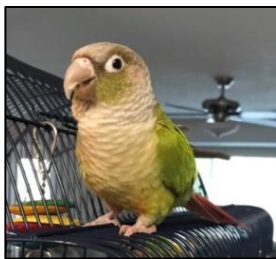
A wide variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDBC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.

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.





**Scarlet Macaw**



**Green Cheek Conure**

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**

## Goody Bag Assembly

Our August general meeting focused on the assembly of "goody bags" for parrots. Each bag contained a variety of chewable toys, shreddables, foot toys, and treats. The collection of goodies in each bag was tailored to bird size ranging from cockatiels to macaws.

Everyone was encouraged to assemble some goody bags for their own birds, and the extra bags were donated to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue. Thank you to Jerry Tuttle, Sara and Dave Jenkins, Margaret Johnson and Jennifer Catron for your help and creativity.



## Facebook Fun



**Your Uber Ride is Here**

## Friends of HDBC

