

# Birdy Bytes

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



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### Upcoming Events

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting - **CANCELLED**  
Covid19 Virus Quarantine Restrictions  
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

**Next Meeting** – General Meeting  
DVD Movie: Bill and Co  
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

**Next Next Meeting** – General Meeting  
Parrot Treat Competition  
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

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### Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

Albuquerque is still in quarantine lockdown due to Covid19. Our meeting place continues to be closed for community gatherings until further notice.

According to the Mayor of Albuquerque on a public conference call, we have met the criteria for reopening the city. However, the Governor of New Mexico continues to keep the entire state on lock down. The true reasons are not entirely clear.

Some businesses and organizations have been allowed to reopen and operate in a very restricted and limited way. One organization is Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico. Birds on a waiting list have been allowed into the rescue. Appointments for bird bonding visits and adoptions are limited and by appointment only. The need for parrot rescue and rehoming has not gone away because of the Covid19.

We see neighboring states, Texas and Arizona, reopening and lifting restrictions. At this point, we can only hope that New Mexico will follow suit. In the meantime, hopefully everyone is doing well, staying safe, and coping with all these new rules, restrictions, and circumstances.

Don't be afraid to reach out if you need help with food or supplies. Use social media to stay connected. We are all in this together.

**Jennifer Catron**



## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
P.O. Box 67855  
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[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: Available  
Vice President: Dorothy Newbill  
Secretary: Available  
Treasurer: Jennifer Catron

### Committee Chairpersons

Advertising/Publicity: Available  
AFA Delegate: Jennifer Catron  
Bird Rescue: Jennifer Catron  
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 3/31/20)	\$1,747.87
Revenue (membership)	\$20.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 4/30/20)	<b>\$1,767.87</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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### May - Cancelled

Our meeting this month is cancelled due to actions and measures to prevent the spread of the Covid19 virus.

Our meeting place, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, is closed until further notice.

When we can resume our regular monthly meetings is unknown. We'll keep you posted as we know more about restrictions being lifted and reopening of our meeting venue.

Thank you for understanding. Stay safe and remain calm. This too shall pass.

### Next Meeting

DVD movie night: Bill and Coo! This movie premiered in 1948 and won a special Academy award for artistry and patience blended in a novel and entertaining use of the medium of motion pictures.

All the actors are animals and most of them are birds. This heartwarming story is about the town of Chirpendale, its residents, and how they pull together to defeat a crow menacing their town.

The video quality is not the best, but it's just fascinating to watch all these birds act and perform tricks.

### Next Next Meeting

Parrot treats competition. Do you make or bake some special treats for your birds? Think your recipe can win over our panel of experts on parrot treats?



For our next next meeting program, everyone is encouraged to bring in samples of their choice of a parrot treat.



The panel of experts will be all the birds at the meeting. Winners will be determined by the most eaten parrot treat. First, second and third places can pick a prize from the HDDB prize bin.

It's a lot of fun for our birds and people alike.

## Meeting Minutes

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No meeting. No minutes.

## Resignation

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Margaret Johnson has resigned as HDDB President and bird club officer effective May 2020.

She and her Mom are planning to move to Florida. The pictures she shared of her new home are beautiful.

We wish you all the best in your new home and thank you for your service to HDDB.



**Margaret with  
Dee and Zander**

## Club Officers

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We have two HDDB officer positions open and available for the remainder of 2020. Until we know when we will be able to all meet in person again, we can't really plan to elect new officers to fill these vacancies.

If you are interested in the roles and responsibilities of the officer positions, they are listed in the HDDB Constitution and By-Laws posted on our website:

<http://www.highdesertbirdclub.org/about-us/>. Or you can click on the following link for the PDF: [HDDB Constitution and By-Laws 062608 Amend 110712](#).

We'll discuss how to proceed at our next meeting.

## Bird Treats

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Looking for a good source of whole nuts in the shell for your birds? Anuts.com is a good place to look. They have a nice selection of nuts, seeds, dried fruit and even popcorn. All products are human grade, so the quality is high.



This website was mentioned on the AFA discussion board. Even after several purchases, the quality of their product is consistently good at reasonable prices.

Their products are available year-around, so you don't have to wait until the fall to find nuts in the shell for your birds. Check them out; let us know what you think: <https://www.anuts.com/>.

## Amazon Smile

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Did you know you can make a donation to your favorite charity every time you shop on Amazon.com?

With Amazon Smile, you get the same prices, selection and convenience as Amazon.com, with the bonus that a portion of the proceeds from your purchases are donated to a charity of your choice. It's a small percentage (.05%) of the sale, and it doesn't cost you anything.

There are many charities to pick from, and unfortunately you can only select one at a time. Once you select a charity, it remains that until you change your selection.

Some of our favorite charities include, Birds of Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico, American Federation of Aviculture, and On a Wing and a Prayer (Corrales, NM, run by Mikal Deese, wild birds).



Sign into <https://smile.amazon.com> with your normal Amazon login information and select the charity of your choice today.

## Isleta Pueblo Environmental Fair

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Like many events this year, the Environmental Fair hosted by the Pueblo of Isleta in mid-July is cancelled.

In past years, HDDB and Birds of Feather Parrot Rescue of NM had information tables and brought parrots as part of our community outreach programs. We look forward to participating next year.

## AFA

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The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) educational conference and avian expo is cancelled for 2020.

A date and place is already selected for the 2021 conference. The next AFA conference is scheduled for August 12-14, 2021, at the Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport hotel. The theme is "Working Towards a Rosie Future for Aviculture".

The location is near the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and the Mall of America. Sounds like fun. Mark your calendars.



## 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.

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**



**Goffins Cockatoo**

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.

**Note: Bird adoptions and visitations are being allowed again, but on a limited schedule and with restrictions until the Covid19 quarantine is lifted.**



**Double Yellow-headed Amazon**

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.



**Parakeet - Budgie**

## Friends of HDBC



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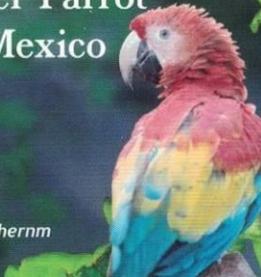
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## Facebook Fun



Before Quarantine

During Quarantine



Waiting for Quarantine to End

Ill never forget the  
look on the cashiers  
face, when she  
scanned the packet of  
bird seed,  
And I asked her how  
long does it take for  
the birds to grow once  
I plant them.