

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

August 27th – General Meeting - **CANCELLED**
Covid19 Virus Quarantine Restrictions
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

Next Meeting – General Meeting
DVD Movie: Bill and Coo
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 Bernalillo County website, all community and fitness centers, all indoor and outdoor pools, open space buildings, ball fields and areas are closed. No private events and no sports programming. No estimated date for reopening is listed.

The heat of summer and onset of the wildfire season can present us with some challenges to keep our birds comfortable and safe. An article about disaster preparedness and coping with poor air quality is on Page 4.

Cooler days are on the horizon and hopefully better days too. Enjoy the company of your birds.

Don't be afraid to reach out if you need help with food or supplies. Use social media to stay connected. This too shall pass.

Jennifer Catron



Something About a Long Cool Drink of Water

Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
P.O. Box 67855
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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: 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 6/30/20)	\$1,767.87
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 7/31/20)	\$1,767.87

**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 - Cancelled

Once again our monthly general meeting 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

No meeting. No minutes.

Club Officers

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 or possibly our next next meeting.

Emergency Preparedness

With all the natural and unnatural disasters happening, now is a good time to check your emergency preparedness. What would you do if you had to evacuate your home on short notice? What would you take with you if you didn't know when you could return to your home? Would you have the supplies you needed if you had to shelter in place for several days?



A little bit of planning and forethought goes a long way when preparing and dealing with an emergency. In New Mexico, we may be subject to fires, floods, snow or ice. The time to collect and organize supplies is before you need them.

Checklist

The following list includes basic items you may want to collect in preparation for an emergency. You may want to include additional items to meet your bird's needs.

- Cage liner material: newspaper, paper towels, or anything you usually use.
- Carrier or portable cage: have sufficient carriers or cages for all your birds. If you have more birds than carriers, you can even use a pillow case to transport your bird to safety.
- First aid kit: include bird-specific items such as styptic power (to stop bleeding) and needle-nose pliers (to pull a broken blood feather).
- Food: have a 3-7 day supply. Include your bird's regular food and favorite treats.
- Garbage bags: for collecting and disposing of dirty papers and other refuse.
- Medication: if your bird needs regular medication, have at least a 7-day supply.
- Paper towels: for cleaning.
- Photo: have a photo of your bird(s) with you in the photo if possible. You may need it for identification if you become separated from your bird(s).
- Records: have medical records and identification information such as a microchip or leg band.

- Spray bottle: for misting birds for bathing or cooling.
- Towels: for handling birds and covering their cage.
- Toys: have your bird's favorite type of toy or additional chew toys. This helps relieve stress and supplies something familiar for your bird.
- Water: have an ample supply of bottled water. About 1-2 quarts of water per day per large bird for drinking and bathing is recommended.
- Disinfectant: have a supply of the bird-safe disinfectant you currently use.

Air Quality

Wildfires can be miles away, even in another state, but can affect our air quality. The National Weather Service will issue an air quality alert or warning should smoke be anticipated in particular areas. Precautions that apply to humans should also be considered for our birds. Like people, our older birds may be more susceptible to health challenges with poor air quality.

The New Mexico Environmental Public Health Tracking website offers a simple formula to gauge air quality from wildfire smoke. It's based on how far you can see through the smoke and recommended precautions. Here's a link to their website.

<https://nmtracking.org/environment/air/fireandsmoke.html>

Our pets depend on us to care for them and keep them safe. Take the time now to plan for their safety and care.

More emergency preparedness information may be found at the following websites:

www.fema.gov
www.redcross.org

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 and Military Macaws



Greek 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.

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



Umbrella Cockatoo

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.



Parakeets – Budgies

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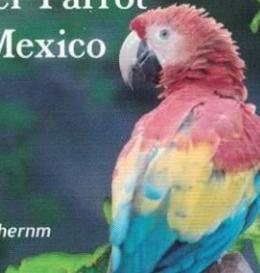
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Facebook Fun



Neighborhood Watch



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Beware of Mangos with Eyes

