

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

December – 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,

New Mexico remains under Covid19 quarantine lockdown. Our meeting place continues to be closed until further notice. No new information regarding when the state will open back up. So it goes.

This holiday season has been like no other. Hopefully, it will be unique. Let's all look forward to the new year with positive thoughts and faith that the worst is over and much better days are ahead.

Parrots are good teachers on how to adapt and assimilate to limits and restrictions. Simple bird toys can be equally engaging as fancy store-bought toys. Who knew an empty Kleenex box could be so much fun? Who knew a Cockatoo could develop an affinity for Chap Stick? It's been quite a learning process.

Make the most of this holiday season. 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



**Feather Wreath Made by
Someone on Facebook**

Bird Club Biz

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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 10/31/20)	\$1,608.70
Revenue	
Expenses	
Tracfone Refill	\$111.53
Ending balance (stmt 11/30/20)	\$1,497.17

**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

December - 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 to community group meetings 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 Co! 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 HDHC prize bin.

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

Meeting Minutes

No meeting. No minutes.

HDHC Hotline

Again a few calls were received regarding pet bird surrenders and adoptions.

We had a very different type of call this month than usual. Someone found a dead owl in their back yard and wanted to know what to do. By description, it sounded like a Great Horned Owl.

No one was answering the phone at the NM Department of Game and Fish, so that wasn't helpful.

However, Mikal Deese, a wild bird rescue and rehabber, was very helpful on what to do. She has NM state and educational contacts that will accept birds of prey like this owl. They can perform a necropsy to determine why the bird died and then possibly use the skin for educational purposes.

If you encounter a dead bird of prey on your property, you can reach out to Mikal at (505) 897-0439 on what to do and how to proceed.

For bird adoptions, surrenders and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place. Adoptions are paused until January 1st. However, the rescue remains open and available for bird questions and emergency intake.



A Christmas Poem

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the flights, not a bird was stirring since I turned off the lights.

Clean dishes were stacked by the freezer with care, so in the morning they would be filled with fresh healthy fare.

The birds were all fed and put out to play, everyone was settled – I was done for the day.

When down from the basement there arose such a clatter, that I ran for the stairs to see what was the matter.

I raced down the steps and turned down the light, glancing first to the left and then to the right.

It was then that I noticed the now empty spot, in the cage where the Cockatoos should be but were not!

The Goffins are missing I yelled to my spouse, while I shuddered to think what they'd do to the house.



My fears were well founded I soon came to know, as I surveyed the destruction in the bird room below.

Feeding doors had been opened, the dishes all tossed, bags were ripped

open their contents all lost.

The marauders unfastened from the cage tops each toy, which they tossed at the occupants below with such joy.

The other birds sulked as they viewed the whole mess, this Cockatoo duo had created such stress!

I searched through the room, my frustration profound, those two fiendish beasts simply weren't to be found!

It was then that I noticed the Senegal staring, as his eyes flashed with anger I saw he was glaring

Towards the side of the room at an overturned pail. I followed his gaze and saw a flash of white tail.

Goffin's Cockatoo holding my breath as I approached with great care, was it possible both could be hiding in there?

I snatched up the bucket and the villains were exposed, they knew they were busted and for a second they froze,

Then the Cockatoo shriek and scrambling of feet, they raced for their cage in hasty retreat.

I slammed the door shut as I trembled with rage, don't you two ever, ever come out of your cage!

They stared at me smugly cheeks puffed with contentment, their mission accomplished they ignored my resentment.

I'll clean up tomorrow. I said aloud with a sigh, as I walked toward the steps one 'Too said "bye bye."

As I turned with a grin I felt suddenly calm, their sweet little voices could act as a balm.

For along with their mischief, they brought love and fun, it was hard to stay angry despite what they'd done.

My jangled nerves and life's hectic pace, had made me forget what was in my face.

I didn't need gifts, fancy stuff from the store, I had all I needed, my birds and much more!

My dear friends and family, my health and my spouse, everything that mattered was right here in this house.

So Santa I thank you but I don't need a lot, I'm learning to be grateful for all that I've got.

If you come down my chimney to leave something new, *just leave me some padlocks so I can lock up the 'Toos!!*

Author Unknown

Shared from the AFA discussion board



Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

A variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDHC 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 HDHC Pet Bird Rescue Hotline at (505) 554-0804 for assistance.



Blue and Gold and Scarlet Macaws



Cockatiel

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 are paused until January 1st. This is an annual process. The intent is to discourage birds being obtained and given as gifts during the holidays.

Adopting a parrot is a lifetime commitment, not a surprise Christmas present.

Bonding and socialization visits are still allowed, and the adoption process will resume beginning January.



Baby, an Umbrella Cockatoo

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

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

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



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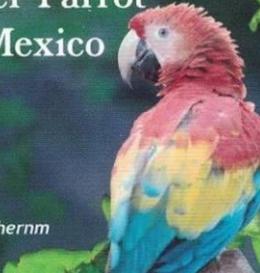
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The Parrot's Prayer



Our feathers
Which art glorious
Parrot be my name
My mess is done
My human come
To clean poop, bring
food and scratch me
Give us this day our
nuts and fruit
And skip the boring
pellets you say are
necessary
And also bring us the
toys so we may leave
your curtains alone
And lead us not into
the veterinary office
But release us from
cages
For yours is the
kingdom
I will chew, destroy and
maim
For the next seventy
years
So there.

Facebook Fun



Twas the night before
Christmas and all
through the house



Not a creature
was stirring



Except for me.... I
heard an intruder




♪ I see feathers of green, red ones too.
And if I look close, I also see blue.
And I think to myself,
what a wonderful bird. ♪