

# Birdy Bytes

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



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2021

### Upcoming Events

**January** – 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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### Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

Happy New Year and good riddance to 2020. Unfortunately, New Mexico remains under Covid19 quarantine lockdown. Our meeting place continues to be closed until further notice; and there's still no new information regarding when the state will open back up.

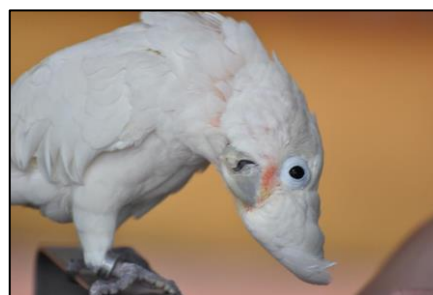
We start this year with a new, full board of officers: Dorothy Newbill, Vice President; Carolyn Newell, Treasurer; Ramona Buzard, Secretary; and myself serving as President. We all look forward to when we can meet in person again to socialize, share thoughts, ideas, and learn more about care and keeping of pet birds.

Some other bird club business includes our IRS 990N has been filed for 2020. By answering the questions that yes we are still a going concern, and no we haven't received \$50,000 or more for the tax year maintains our 501(c)(3) status.

We will renew our affiliation with the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA). Annual dues are \$65 which allows us one delegate to vote for AFA officers and any proposed changes to the bylaws, etc. If you wish to be our delegate, you must be a member of the AFA and contact me by January 31, 2021, to be listed on the renewal form. Being a delegate also gives you a small discount to the annual conference (if they have one this year).

Hang in there everyone. 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, eventually.

**Jennifer Catron**



# Bird Club Biz

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**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: Jennifer Catron  
Vice President: Dorothy Newbill  
Secretary: Ramona Buzard  
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

## Committee Chairpersons

Advertising/Publicity: Available  
AFA Delegate: Available  
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 11/30/20)	\$1,497.17
Revenue	0
Expenses	0
Ending balance (stmt 12/31/20)	<b>\$1,497.17</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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### January - 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 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 HDBC prize bin.

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

### Meeting Minutes

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No meeting. No minutes.

### HDBC Hotline

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We receive an average of 12-18 calls a month. Several calls were regarding injured wild birds. Although we do have a note on our website stating we are not authorized to accept injured wild birds, people don't know who to contact and just need some direction. In these cases, they are referred to either the Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico, or Mikal Deese (On a Wing and a Prayer). Both have Facebook pages for more information.

Quite a few calls this month were regarding how to adopt or surrender a bird. One call came in regarding estate planning and how to accommodate placing their birds when necessary. The caller was thinking ahead and researching options before she needed to act. This is a good idea to consider if you have not already done so. Thinking about our own mortality and difficult, but giving it some thought now and researching your options to ensure proper care and placement for your bird friends is worthwhile.

For bird adoptions, surrenders and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place. Adoptions and the process has resumed as of January 1st.

## Average Lifespan of Birds

One unique aspect of pet birds is their potential for a very long lifespan. Unlike dogs and cats, a parrot can be a multi-generational member of your family.

The lifespan of a pet bird is important to consider when you adopt or acquire a parrot. Like humans, not all birds will live for the average lifespan for their species. Some can live much longer, like Poncho, 92, a Greenwing Macaw in Great Brittan, or Cookie, a Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, who lived to be 82. However, some birds will have a much shorter life span that is below the average – just like humans.



The Spruce Pets website has an interesting article regarding pet bird lifespans. Here's a link to that article:

<https://www.thesprucepets.com/how-long-do-parrots-and-other-pet-birds-live-1238433>



If you acquire or adopt a parrot that could potentially outlive you, research and plan for your bird's care when you can no longer. It can give you the peace of mind that your bird will be cared for and continue to enjoy a happy and healthy life.

## Membership Support

HDBC depends on your support. One of the easiest ways to show your support is to renew or become a member. Membership dues helps HDBC fulfill Club charter objectives to educate members and the general public in the best care, keeping, maintenance, and breeding of caged birds. In addition to supporting bird conservation and fellowship, funds also support the HDBC bird rescue, foster and adoption program.

Membership benefits include:

- Subscription to the Club newsletter *Birdy Bytes*.
- Early notification and the opportunity to adopt birds received through the HDBC rescue.
- Access to the Club library to check out bird-related books and DVDs.
- Fellowship with others interested in companion birds.



### Thank You Joining or Renewing Your HDBC Membership

Membership dues begin each calendar year and are prorated on a quarterly basis. Membership classification and annual dues rates at listed under the Bird Club Biz section of each newsletter. Information about membership is also contained in our Club Constitution and By Laws posted on our website:

[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://www.HighDesertBirdClub.org)

For everyone who has joined HDBC or renewed their membership, thank you! If you're not a member, join today and support a good cause. We're all about the birds.

## Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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A 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.



**Blue and Gold and Scarlet Macaws**



**African Grey**

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.



**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.



**Budgies**

## Friends of HDBC



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## Facebook Fun



**The Look You Give When  
Someone Says You're Fat**

## Before Christmas vs After Christmas

