

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

April – 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,

Spring has sprung and the warmer weather inspires garden planning and planting. If you have the space and the time, growing vegetables for your birds is an ideal way to provide them with fresh and nutritious food. Growing sunflowers is easy. You can even sprout sunflower seeds from some parrot mixes. The mature sunflower seed heads make good foraging treats for your birds and are quite popular with the wild birds as well.

New Mexico is still on Covid19 lockdown and the community centers are still closed for group meetings. We all look forward to the time when we can start meeting again in person and socializing with our birds.

We've had a few calls into the HDBC rescue hotline regarding bird surrenders. Those calls were forwarded to Birds of Feather Parrot Rescue of NM. In addition to our referrals, surrender and adoption activity for the parrot rescue has significantly increased.

If you are interested in volunteering to help, fostering birds, or adopting a new feathered friend, please reach out to Dorothy Newbill. Contact information is on page 5. There are many really nice birds that need some help. Every little bit helps and makes a world of difference to a bird in need.

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.

Jennifer Catron



Quaker Parrot and Parrotlet Buddies

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 - 4th 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 2/28/21)	\$1,497.17
Revenue (memberships)	\$40.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 3/31/21)	\$1,537.17

**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 jrcatron@Q.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meetings

April - 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.

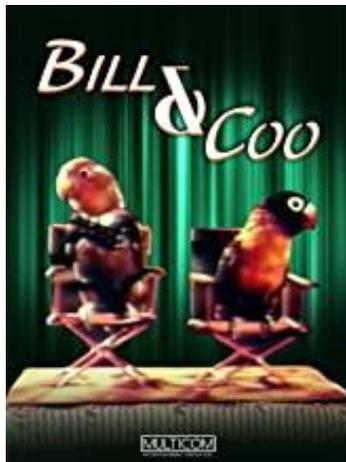
Thank you for understanding. Stay safe and remain calm. This too shall pass.

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

No meeting. No minutes.

HDBC Hotline

This month again we had an equal distribution of calls regarding pet bird surrenders and adoptions. Wild bird calls are increasing. Most of those calls were about injured birds; one call was about a Robin's nest on a door wreath.



American Robin Chicks

Calls regarding adoptions and surrenders of pet birds were referred to Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

Calls for injured wild birds were 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.

For bird adoptions, surrenders, and lost and found birds, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is the go to place.

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.

Membership dues begin each calendar year and are prorated on a quarterly basis. Membership classification and annual dues rates are 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.



Thank You Joining or Renewing Your HDBC Membership

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.

Parrot Quiz

How much do you know about parrots? Here's a link to a fun video to test your knowledge about parrots.

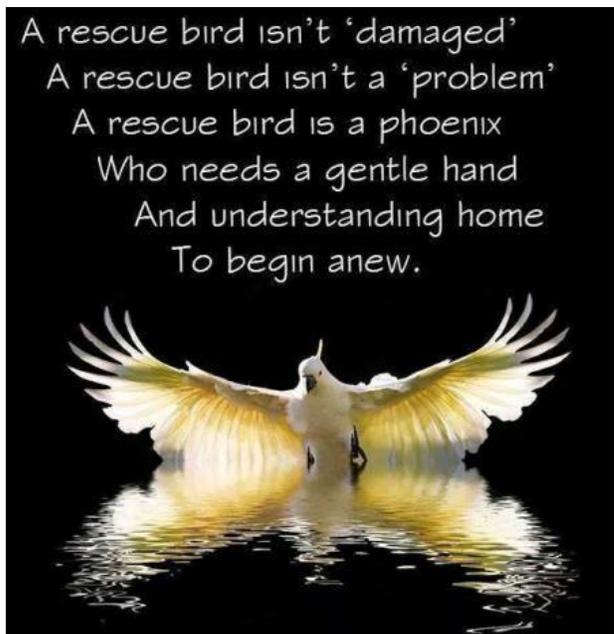
It's a 6-1/2 minute video with ten questions. How many did you answer correctly?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IIL9pKk4E>



A Rescue Bird...

Thank you to everyone who has fostered or adopted a rescue bird. You make the world a better place.



Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption

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.

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.



Blue and Gold Macaws



Cockatiel – One of Many Available

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.



Quaker Parrot



African Grey Parrot

Friends of HDBC



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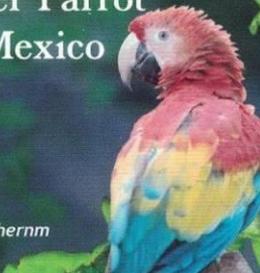


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whenever i'm having a bad day i just google birds behind glasses of water and it helps





Spot the Imposter

