

# Birdy Bytes

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



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### Upcoming Events

**July** – General Meeting - **CANCELLED**  
Meeting venue closes early this month.  
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

**Next Meeting** – General Meeting  
Meet and Greet – Welcome Back  
RGSCC Albuquerque, NM

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

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### Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

We're getting closer to having monthly meetings once again.

Our meeting place, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, is opening back up, but their open hours are shorter during the month of July. They close at 7PM, so we won't have enough time for us to meet. However, August is looking very promising. We'll have to wait and see beginning next month whether or not we can meet there.

As opportunities arise to gather with other like-minded people, it emphasizes how important it is to socialize and build community. Together we are stronger than any one standing alone.

Take some time to enjoy the warm summer weather, the cooling afternoon rains, and the company of birds and their people.

The future looks brighter than it has in a long time. Stay strong, stay healthy, and be happy.

**Jennifer Catron**



**A Sun in Shades**

# 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 5/31/21)	\$1,537.17
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 6/30/21)	<b>\$1,537.17</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 [jrcatron@Q.com](mailto:jrcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meetings

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### July - Cancelled

Our meeting place, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, is open, but with shorter hours of operation.

Unfortunately, they are not open late enough for us to meet. They anticipate resuming regular operating hours in August.

Community Center staff couldn't say for sure everything will be back to normal in August, but we will find out early in the month what's to transpire.

### Next Meeting

Hopefully, our next meeting will be in August on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We've been apart for a very long time, and several new people have expressed interest in the bird club.

Let's make our first meeting back a "Meet and Greet" and an opportunity to discuss and plan future meeting programs. This will be a great opportunity to meet old friends, make new friends, and socialize with our birds. Good times.

### 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.

## HDHC Hotline

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Our cell phone hotline continues to be busy.

Many calls this month were regarding wild birds. Of those calls, it was a fairly even spread of injured birds, fledglings that looked like they were in distress, and birds in precarious places. More Quail chicks fell into a storm drain, and a Hawk was found swimming in someone's pool.

A few calls came in for pet bird surrenders and people interested in adopting a bird. Two calls were regarding a found parrot; one reunited with his person, one is still pending his reunion. One call was about a lost cockatiel; we haven't heard back, so we don't know the outcome.

Some people call and ask if it's futile to search for a lost bird. We encourage them to not give up. We've had happy endings for lost birds being reunited with their people. Miracles happen every day.



One call came in from someone who used to live in Albuquerque, but now lives in another state. Her Veterinarian was Dr. Contos, who is now retired. An Avian Vet is not available where she lives now and wanted to talk with another bird owner about seeking possible options to help her bird. We discussed reaching out to Vets over the phone and other bird care options.

Calls for injured wild birds were referred to either the Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico, Mikal Deese (On a Wing and a Prayer), or Hawks Aloft (for the swimming Hawk). All 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.

## One-day Bird Toy Sale Success

A heartfelt 'Thank You!' to Tina of Creations by JT Bird Toys, and Dorothy Newbill of Birds of Feather Parrot Rescue of NM.

Tina travelled to Albuquerque from Phoenix to do a one-day bird toys and perches sale. All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. She also had some sisal rope cargo nets that sold out.

Dorothy hosted the event and provided a space for the sale as well as a place to relax and visit in the park across the street.

It was a great day to shop, visit, renew friendships and make new friends. The weather was good, donuts, pizza, and ice-cold water was available, and even an ice cream truck stopped by. It was the makings of a perfect day.

The sale was a success with many birds enjoying new, colorful and creative toys and unique perches. We look forward to doing this again sometime in the future.

Creations by JT Bird Toys does not have an online store, but Tina can custom make and ship bird toys. You can reach out to Tina for more information by:

**Email:** [creationsjt@aol.com](mailto:creationsjt@aol.com)

**Phone:** 623-341-3375, or

**Facebook:**

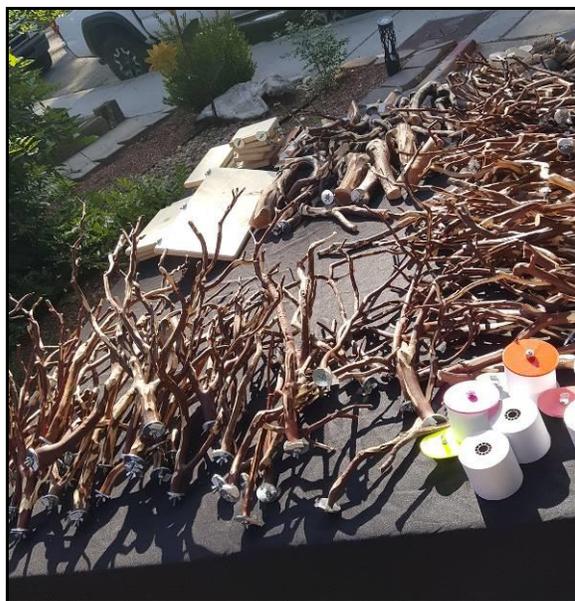
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**Creations by JT Bird Toys Set Up of the One-Day Sale in Albuquerque**



**Racks of Bird Toys for all Types of Parrots**



**Manzanita Perches in a Variety of Lengths and Sizes**

## AFA Conference 2021



The next American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) educational conference is scheduled for August 12-14, 2021, at the Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport hotel, Minnesota.

The theme is "Working Towards a "Rosie" Future for Aviculture".

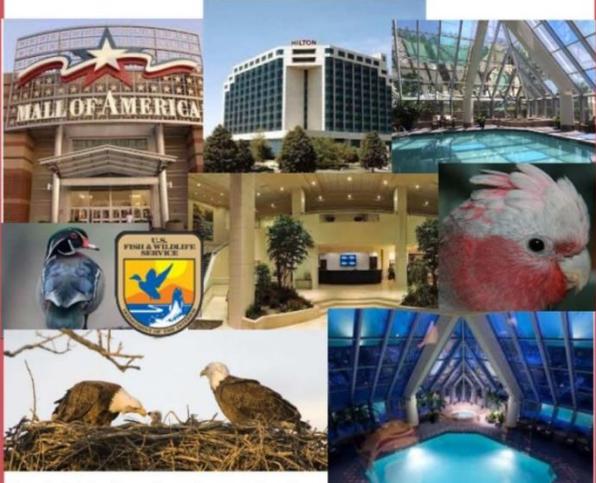
These conferences are excellent opportunities to learn more about aviculture, network with other birdie people, buy bird stuff (they always have vendors), and have fun.

Go to:

[https://afabirds.org/2018\\_WordPress/conference/](https://afabirds.org/2018_WordPress/conference/) for more information about the 2021 conference schedule, pricing, and the amazing Super 8 Raffle prizes.

**The American Federation of Aviculture**  
47th Educational Conference & Avian Expo  
*Working Towards a Rosie Future for Aviculture*

**August 12-14, 2021**  
**Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport**



The hotel is less than three miles from Minneapolis-Saint Paul Airport via free shuttle. Enjoy neighboring Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and the Mall of America. Convenient on-site dining, 24 hour fitness center, heated indoor pool and pet friendly rooms round out the amenities.

The American Federation of Aviculture is a 501(c) 3 non-profit educational organization



## AFA Survey

The AFA surveyed members in June regarding future conferences. Results were aggregated from 106 responses.

Response highlights include a preference for 3-day conferences at a different location across the U.S. each year.

Members were asked to suggest cities that might be a good location for an AFA Conference. Nine cities mentioned the most include: Orlando, San Diego, Houston, Chicago, Denver, Miami, Tampa, Salt Lake City, and St. Louis.

Planning an AFA Conference can take up to two years to organize. Given the uncertainty of various cities and states being open or closed on short notice, some of the larger cities may be problematic. Considering this, members were asked about a virtual conference.

In 2020, the AFA Conference scheduled in Salt Lake City was cancelled due to COVID restrictions. A virtual conference via Zoom online was offered instead. It was actually quite interesting and nice.

Despite the convenience, over 66% surveyed did not prefer a virtual meeting over an in-person conference. However, 50% surveyed responded they would be willing to participate in a virtual meeting in between conferences.

The take away here could be technology is good and has a place in our lives, but socializing in person is better.



## 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, cockatiels, and canaries. They've even had some hand-tame doves available for adoption.



**Scarlet Macaw**



**Baby, Umbrella Cockatoo**

For more information, call Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166. Their Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>

Their website is: <https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



**Parrotlet and Budgie  
Must be Adopted Together**



**Amazon**

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**Get Off My Lawn**

"what's your superpower?"  
me:

