

# Birdy Bytes

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



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### Upcoming Events

September 19<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting –

**Note Date, Time and Location Change**

Topic: Planning Subsequent Care for Your Birds When You No Longer Can Private Residence, RSVP required Albuquerque, NM

**Next Meeting – General Meeting**

Topic: TBD

Location TBD, Albuquerque, NM

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### Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

Autumn is almost a week away and it's time once again for pumpkin-spice everything. For those of us in the Albuquerque metro area, we're hoping for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta to resume this year. If our state continues to lift Covid restrictions, our skies could be filled with colorful hot-air balloons. Some balloons are even in the shapes of various birds and parrots.

We will continue to meet at a private residence due to face mask restrictions on public property. We do our best to comply with the ever-changing rules and restrictions regarding Covid. We respect everyone's right to wear a mask, but please be aware it may elicit a negative response from a parrot.

The general meeting topic this month is a presentation by our Vice President, Dorothy Newbill. The topic addresses the importance of planning for care of your birds when you can no longer take care of them.

If you'd like to attend this meeting, an RSVP is necessary to obtain location details of our September meeting. Refer to Page 3 for information on how to RSVP.

Stay strong, stay healthy, and choose happiness.

**Jennifer Catron**



**Peg-Legged Pete Parrot Balloon**

## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
P.O. Box 67855  
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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 7/31/21)	\$1,537.17
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 8/31/21)	<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 Meeting

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**September 19, 2021**

**\*\*Sunday\*\***

### **Date, Time and Place Change**

Our meeting this month will be at a private residence again. The mask requirement at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center has not yet been lifted. To avoid a safety issue with our parrots who could have negative reactions to people who wear a mask, we will continue to meet at a private residence.

For parrots, masks look like a big beak. Bigger beaks are a big threat to a parrot. If you've worn a mask around your own bird, he or she likely puffed up and protested with a hiss or scream. If you wear a mask around a bird that doesn't know you, you could get bitten or attacked.

We respect everyone's right to wear a mask, but be aware you may elicit negative and possibly unsafe reactions from birds that will be present. Attendee discretion is advised.

**Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: RSVP to:  
Jennifer Catron  
JRCatron@Q.com**

If you wish to attend, please RSVP for location address.

The meeting topic will be: **Planning Subsequent Care for Your Birds When You No Longer Can.**

Our Vice President, Dorothy Newbill, will present information and tips on how you can plan for your bird's care when you can no longer care for them.

Pet birds are surrendered to the Parrot Rescue for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it is due to the passing of a bird's human. Sometimes a person's health issues make it too difficult if not impossible to provide proper care for their birds.

Planning for your bird's care is essential for everyone's estate planning to ensure your wishes are followed. Having this information and making plans before you need it can help smooth the transition for your pets to a new home when that time comes.

Join us for this important topic to learn about planning ahead for your piece of mind and help your feathered friends navigate a difficult time.

## Hospitality Table

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Do you like snacks? Do you like to share? HDBC invites

you to share some snacks at our hospitality

table at each monthly meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks when they can. We're very informal about who brings what and when. Donations are always welcome.

Thank you for your contribution and support.



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

All club officers and a few guests were present.

The Treasurer's report is posted in the newsletter, *Birdy Bytes*, every month.

Future bird club meetings will continue to be held at a private residence until the mask requirements are lifted.

A possible alternative meeting place is the Hispaño Chamber of Commerce; Dorothy Newbill of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM is now a member which will also allow HDBC to use their space for meetings and possibly a Bird Expo/Mart.

Future meeting topics were discussed. Next month's meeting topic will be a presentation by Dorothy Newbill and planning for future care for your birds.

Hospitality table and donations will be reactivated starting with the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by 8:30PM.

## AFA Conference 2021



The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) educational conference took place on August 12-14, 2021, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Session recordings are now available online free to participants until December 31, 2021. I attended the conference online and HDBC is an affiliate of AFA. As such, we can access any of these recordings until the end of this year.

The following is list of speakers and topics.

Speaker	Topic
Adrienne Mock	I have heard about a bill – what do I do? Navigating the Legislative Maze (While Avoiding the Minefield)
April Blazich	Gardening with Birds in Mind
Concetta Ferragamo, MS, CPBC, CASAC-T	Addressing Behaviors and Promoting Exercise From Within a Cage or Enclosure.
Debbie Goodrich	The critical role Parrots Play Addressing Global Carbon Crisis
Debbie Schweikardt	A day in the life of a crazy bird store owner.
Debbie Schweikardt	Bird trivia time AFA style.
Dr. Jason Crean Ed.D	The role of diet in conservation and what it could mean for your birds.
Dr. Scott Echols, DVM	Advanced Imaging in Avian Medicine
Drs. Donald Brightsmith & Gabriela Vigo-Trauco, PhDs	The Macaw Society: past research and a new beginning for parrot conservation.

Speaker	Topic
Elise Franchi	Give Your Birds a Glow Up! Sprouting food for your birds.
Hila Neiman Parrots	Do we really understand how smart they are?
Jack Pine	Keeping like a keeper.
Jamie Whittaker	The Path From Rescue to New Home.
Jennifer Cunha	Tablet Communication and Games for Birds
Karen Anderson	Don't Be Roadkill on the Parrot Information Superhighway
Karen Holmes	Genomic Analysis of Introgression and Pedigree Data of the Endangered Red Siskin ( <i>Spinus cucullatus</i> )
Lewis (Buddy) Waskey	How proposed USDA inspections will affect Pet Owners, Rescues Sanctuaries, Pet Stores and Breeders
Lewis (Buddy) Waskey, Amanda Hoffman and Kim Hatch	The Status of the Blue-throated Macaw, <i>Ara glaucogularis</i> , in both Bolivia and Aviculture.
Mark Moore	Shipping: As easy as they make it
Mindy Patterson	"Ground Zero" to protect your animal enterprise.
Rainer Neiman	The Food Intake of Parrots and Parakeets
Rick Jordan	Psittacine incubation and neonatal care
Robin Shewokis	1-100 It's All the Same Program – Enrichment planning for sized flocks

Speaker	Topic
Robin Shewokis and Jack Pine	Workshop – Let’s Make a Sandwich! – How Approximations Make Life Easier
Taylor Haines	Using genomics to create sustainable populations for aviculture: Case study of the Blue-headed Macaw
Tom Marshall	Why Parrots!

Speakers that gave their presentations via online were clear and easy to hear. On site speaker presentations were not so clear. AFA staff did their best to edit and improve the conference videos and Zoom meetings.

Some of the presentations may be of interest to the bird club. If any of the presentations are of interest to you, we could use it for a monthly meeting program, or we could possibly set up a Zoom meeting for viewing. Please email Jennifer Catron via: [jrcatron@Q.com](mailto:jrcatron@Q.com) with sessions that are of interest to you.

The location for the 2022 AFA Conference has been announced as Virginia. No other details are yet available.

## **HDBC Hotline**

Our cell phone hotline was less busy this month.

Calls regarding wild birds were mostly about injured birds. A few calls came in for pet bird surrenders, lost birds, found birds, and people interested in adopting a bird.

Calls for injured wild birds were referred to either the Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico or Mikal Deese (On a Wing and a Prayer). 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. They have a new website: [www.birdsofafeathernm.org](http://www.birdsofafeathernm.org).

## **My Reading Pets**

Jennifer Cunha was one of the presenters at the AFA Conference. Her topic was Tablet Communications and Games for Birds.

What she has accomplished is amazing. Her birds communicate with her using a simple tablet and various programs designed for young children.

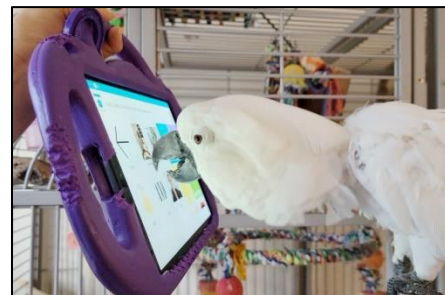
She has a Facebook page with lots of videos of her working with her birds. She also offers training classes and sometimes free workshops.

Check out her Facebook page and be prepared to be amazed.

[https://www.facebook.com/myreadingpets/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/myreadingpets/?ref=page_internal).



**Ellie, a Goffins Cockatoo**



**Isabelle, an Umbrella Cockatoo**



**Tillie, a Red-Vented Cockatoo**



## 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.



**Scarlett and Catalina Macaws**



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



**Sulphur-Crested 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.



**Peach-Faced Lovebird**

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