

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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Upcoming Events

October 24th – General Meeting –

**Note Date, Time and
Location Change**

Topic: **Parrot Pedicure Workshop**
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,

We will continue to meet at a private residence due to face mask restrictions on public property. 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 Parrot Pedicure Workshop presentation by Aly Newbill. Aly will demonstrate some techniques and tips for trimming toe nails on parrots

October is also the time when we nominate HDBC officers for the next year. Like many birds clubs across the country, we've had members, once very active, move on to other endeavors. We need your help to continue as a bird club. Now is the time to get involved.

If you're not a member, it's never too late. Prorated membership for October-December is a mere \$5.00 for individuals. Such a deal. If you're already a member, thank you and please consider becoming more active in the club.

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

Jennifer Catron



Treat or Scream

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: 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 8/31/21)	\$1,537.17
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 9/30/21)	\$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 Meeting

October 24, 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, October 24, 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: **Parrot Pedicure Workshop – How to Trim Your Parrot's Toe Nails.**

Aly Newbill will demonstrate some techniques and tips for trimming your own parrot's toe nails. It is normal for our parrot's toe nails to grow. Sometimes, their toe nails can get too long or sharp. There are ways to work with your parrot so that nail trimming is not so stressful, and can be a positive experience.

Join us to learn some tips and techniques for giving your parrot a pedicure.

Hospitality Table

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

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.

Expenditures for club expenses were budgeted and approved.

Nominations for elected club officers are open starting in October. Election is held in November. All current officers are willing to serve another term through 2022.

Meeting adjourned by 8:30PM.

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.

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.



African Grey Parrot

NOTE

From November 1st to January 15th, bird adoptions are paused. This is an annual process. This 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 15th.

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.



Scarlett and Catalina Macaws



Sun 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.



Amazon Parrot

HDBC Elections

It's that time of year again to nominate HDBC officers for the next year.



Only HDBC members may nominate and run for an officer position. Any member, including self-nomination, may make nominations. However, all nominees must agree to participate.

Nominations and voting may be done either in person during the club meeting, or via email. If you chose to nominate or vote via email:

1. Use the same email from which you receive the newsletter: jrcatron@q.com.
2. Submit all nominations by October 31, 2021.
3. A list of all nominations will be sent out to members on November 1, 2021.
4. Vote for HDBC officers by November 15, 2021.
5. Winners will be announced at the November meeting and in the December newsletter.

Please consider running for an officer position or working as a committee chairperson. We're a good club with a noble cause. We should continue our mission to educate and promote good and proper care of caged birds.

Serving as a club officer is both challenging and rewarding. It does require some time, but it is not all consuming. The more members we have participate in leading the club, the easier it is.

Responsibilities of club officers are listed in our bylaws. A copy of our bylaws is posted on our website and can be found using this link: <http://www.highdesertbirdclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/HDBC-Constitution-and-By-Laws-062608-Amend-110712.pdf>, under Article VI - Duties and Powers of Officers.



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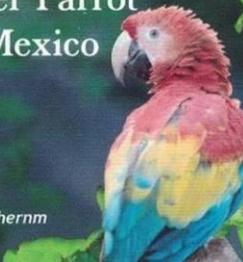
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