

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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July 2022

Upcoming Events

July General Meeting Canceled

August 21st – General Meeting
Sunday, 3:00PM – 5:00PM
Parrot Treats Competition
Private Residence, RSVP Required
Albuquerque, NM

Next Meeting – General Meeting
Topic: TBD
Location: TDB, Albuquerque, NM

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Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

Murphy's Law is real. There must be a special clause for computers. Couple that with the phrase "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." creates the perfect storm for losing data.

The June 2022 newsletter wasn't published due to computer failure. Data backup files weren't as current as they should be. A skilled PC tech was not able to revive the dead hard drive or retrieve data. Sigh.

Was there significant news in June? Yes.

HDBC marked its 14th anniversary. Copies of the newsletters since 2012 are still archived on the HDBC website (Woo hoo!).

The June meeting bird toy workshop was great fun. We had lots of participants and abundant supplies of items for birds to chew, shred, or throw.

Our July meeting is cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. The meeting program is rescheduled for our August 21st meeting.

We apologize for the inconvenience, and look forward to meeting again in August.

Jennifer Catron



Bird Toy Workshop in Progress

Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
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Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

General Meetings

Monthly, Usually on a Sunday

Meeting time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location:

Private Residence, usually, but may change depending on weather and availability of space. Location is posted in newsletter and website.

Club Officers

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

Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier
AFA Delegate: Carolyn Newell
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 5/31/22)	\$1,336.05
Revenue	
Expenses	
Ending balance (stmt 6/30/22)	\$1,336.05

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

Thank you.



General Meetings

July General Meeting is Canceled

Next Meeting

August 21, 2022

****Sunday****

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 August meeting program, everyone is encouraged to bring in samples of their choice of a parrot treat.



Winners will be determined by a panel of experts. The panel of experts will be all the birds at the meeting willing to participate.

The most eaten parrot treats will decide the winners. First, second, and third places can pick a prize from the HDIBC prize bin.

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

Date: Sunday, August 21, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: RSVP to:

**Jennifer Catron
JRCatron@Q.com**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM. Three of four club officers, members, and guests were present.

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

Future meeting date and topics were discussed. July meeting will be on July 17th, 2022, and the meeting topic will be a parrot treats competition.

June meeting topic was a bird toy assembly workshop.

Meeting adjourned by 6:00 PM.

HDIBC Hotline

The majority of calls for June and July were regarding wild birds. Most of those calls were about injured birds or fledglings that looked like they were in distress.

Two calls were regarding surrendering birds and one call was in search of a bird to adopt.

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.

AFA 2022 Conference

The American Federation of Aviculture educational conference for 2022 is schedule for August 5-7, 2022, in Herndon, Virginia.

These conferences are a lot of fun and very informative.

Here's a link to the AFA website for conference information: [Educational conference 2022 – American Federation of Aviculture \(afabirds.org\)](https://www.afabirds.org/education/2022-educational-conference).

Currently, there is no online option for participating in the conference. Some appeals have been made to offer the conference online like the previous two years. While not really a replacement for the in-person conference experience, online is more convenient and cost effective.

If an online option becomes available, we will send out an email with notification.



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.



Scarlet Macaw



Cockatiel

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.



Skipper, A Lesser Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo

The rescue is at capacity and a waiting list for surrenders is in place for other than emergency situations. If you are interested in adopting or fostering, please reach out to Dorothy Newbill at (505) 980-6166 or check out their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/>.

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

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



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Friends of HDBC



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