

# Birdy Bytes

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



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### Upcoming Events

#### May 22<sup>nd</sup> – General Meeting

**Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Topic:** Fostering for a Parrot Rescue,  
Questions and Answers, Repeat  
Root Beer Float Social

**Location:** **Inez Park**  
2027 Wisconsin Street NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
RSVP Recommended

#### June TBA – General Meeting

Program, location and time pending

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### Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

This month, we see a continued increase of birds being surrendered to the parrot rescue, and wildfires continue to burn out of control in New Mexico.

The need for qualified fosters and emergency preparedness are equally increasing.

Dorothy Newbill, Director of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BOAF), and our Vice President to HDBC, will do a repeat presentation of what it takes to be a foster for a parrot rescue.

In addition to regular surrenders, BOAF is also a designated emergency landing place for birds evacuated because of the wildfires. These birds will not be rehomed, but need a safe place until their humans can either return home or find a new home.

If you are wondering how you can help, your best first step is to attend this presentation and learn more about what is needed and what it takes.

Emergency preparedness is something everyone should do. On Page 5, tips and links of what you can do to prepare is a republish. Wildfires move fast and it's possible to have only minutes to grab what you can and evacuate the area. A little bit of preparation goes a long way and the time to do it is before you need it.

The pet bird community is growing and strong. Together we can help birds in need and also help our fellow birdie people as well.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the meeting on Sunday. There will be root beer *and* orange crush floats. See you soon.

**Jennifer Catron**



## Bird Club Biz

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High Desert Bird Club of NM  
P.O. Box 67855  
Albuquerque, NM 87193  
[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://www.HighDesertBirdClub.org)

**Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804**

**General Meetings – Unless Posted Otherwise**  
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

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 3/31/22)	\$1,273.55
Revenue: Memberships	\$52.50
Expenses:	
Ending balance (stmt 4/30/22)	<b>\$1,326.05</b>

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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 [jcatron@Q.com](mailto:jcatron@Q.com), or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



## General Meeting

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**May 22, 2022**

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

**Fostering for a Parrot Rescue: Questions and Answers \*\*Repeat\*\***

**Root Beer Float Social \*\*New\*\***

Ever wonder what it takes to be a Foster Parront? What makes a good foster? What are the good, bad, and ugly aspects about fostering a parrot?

Dorothy Newbill, Director of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM, will give an overview on what it takes to be a Foster Parront. Members and guests with fostering experience will also be available for questions and answers about fostering parrots.



Fostering a parrot can be both challenging and rewarding. Some foster parrots are even adopted by their foster family. Join us to learn more about fostering, and sharing of some amusing and heart-warming stories about foster parrots.

We will also be serving root beer or orange crush floats to enjoy while listening to Dorothy's presentation.

**Date: Sunday, May 22, 2022**  
**Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: Inez Park**  
2027 Wisconsin Street NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

RSVP recommended to ensure we have enough ice cream, root beer and orange crush for everyone.

**RSVP to:**  
**Jennifer Catron**  
[JRCatron@Q.com](mailto:JRCatron@Q.com)

## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM. Three of four club officers, members, and guests were present.

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

The meeting was held outside during the bird toy and stand sale. Meeting topic was a meet and greet to introduce club officers, members, new members and guests. Everyone shared what type of birds they have and how long they've had birds.

May meeting topic will be a repeat of Fostering for a Parrot Rescue: Questions and Answers.

Some ideas for future meetings include a chop or bird food competition, seasonal feeding to capitalize on fresh fruit and vegetables, and possibly compiling a bird food cook book to share favorite recipes.

Meeting adjourned by 5:00 PM and everyone enjoyed a last call to purchase more bird toys and accessories.

## HDBC Hotline

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April and May calls included several surrenders of birds and callers interested in adopting, volunteering, or donating items.



A few calls were about wild birds and were referred to wild bird rescues.

Some other calls included a request for a Veterinarian referral for a sick peacock; a found canary (they decided to keep); found fancy pigeons (banded); and a call from an Albuquerque Police Office who caught two boys that knocked a mourning dove nest out of a tree and he wanted to know how to help the baby birds. It's always nice to hear from people who care.

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 website at: [www.birdsofafeathernm.org](http://www.birdsofafeathernm.org), and a Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm>.

## Custom Bird Stands

Julia Summers of Avianica, custom bird stands, is willing to make a special trip back to Albuquerque if a minimum total of orders reach \$1,500.



If you attended the bird toys and stands sale in April, you saw some of the beautiful, natural wood parrot stands offered by Avianica.

These are well-built, sturdy stands that most birds just love to be on. The manzanita hardwood perches make them durable and long lasting.

You can custom order a table or floor stand with a specific number of perches and food bowls. Prices vary with the types of options selected.

Avianica also has some stands in inventory and may have one that will work for you and your bird friend.

Custom orders must be received by May 28, 2022, for a mid-June delivery in Albuquerque if the minimum amount of orders is met.

Reach out to Julia at Avianica and place your order before May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Avianica has a Facebook page where you can see more pictures of the variety of stands.

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/avianica/>

**Email:** [dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com](mailto:dandjconcepts2020@outlook.com)

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## Emergency Preparedness

With all the natural and unnatural disasters happening, now is a good time to check your emergency preparedness. What would you do if you had to evacuate your home on short notice? What would you take with you if you didn't know when you could return to your home? Would you have the supplies you needed if you had to shelter in place for several days?



A little bit of planning and forethought goes a long way when preparing and dealing with an emergency. In New Mexico, we may be subject to fires, floods, snow or ice. The time to collect and organize supplies is before you need them.

### Checklist

The following list includes basic items you may want to collect in preparation for an emergency. You may want to include additional items to meet your bird's needs.

- Cage liner material: newspaper, paper towels, or anything you usually use.
- Carrier or portable cage: have sufficient carriers or cages for all your birds. If you have more birds than carriers, you can even use a pillow case to transport your bird to safety.
- First aid kit: include bird-specific items such as styptic power (to stop bleeding) and needle-nose pliers (to pull a broken blood feather).
- Food: have a 3-7 day supply. Include your bird's regular food and favorite treats.
- Garbage bags: for collecting and disposing dirty papers and other refuse.

- Medication: if your bird needs regular medication, have a least a 7-day supply.
- Paper towels: for cleaning.
- Photo: have a photo of your bird(s) with you in the photo if possible. You may need it for identification if you become separated from your bird(s).
- Records: have medical records and identification information such as a microchip or leg band.
- Spray bottle: for misting birds for bathing or cooling.
- Towels: for handling birds and covering their cage.
- Toys: have your bird's favorite type of toy or additional chew toys. This helps relieve stress and supplies something familiar for your bird.
- Water: have an ample supply of bottled water. About 1-2 quarts of water per day per large bird for drinking and bathing is recommended.
- Disinfectant: have a supply of the bird-safe disinfectant you currently use.

### Air Quality

Wildfires can be miles away, even in another state, but can affect our air quality. The National Weather Service will issue an air quality alert or warning should smoke be anticipated in particular areas. Precautions that apply to humans should also be considered for our birds. Like people, our older birds may be more susceptible to health challenges with poor air quality.

The New Mexico Environmental Public Health Tracking website offers a simple formula to gauge air quality from wildfire smoke. It's based on how far you can see through the smoke and recommended precautions. Here's a link to their website.

<https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html>

Our pets depend on us to care for them and keep them safe. Take the time now to plan for their safety and care.

More emergency preparedness information may be found at the following websites:

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.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). HDBC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.

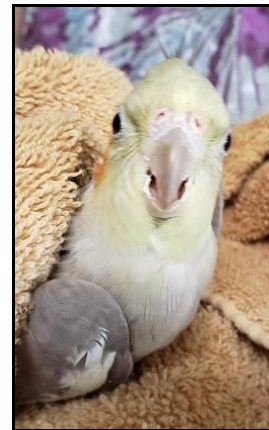
If you're interested in adding a feathered friend to your family, please contact Dorothy Newbill (BFPR) at (505) 980-6166, or you can call our HDBC Pet Bird Rescue Hotline at (505) 554-0804 for assistance.



**Macaws**



**Allie Bird – Eleanora Cockatoo**



**Cockatiel**

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.

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.



**Skipper  
Lesser Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo**



## Friends of HDBC



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because the bird just goes,



"Cool, now we're both  
screaming!"

Goffins Cockatoo - Mr. Spock



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