

# Birdy Bytes

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



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### Upcoming Events

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting –  
**Note Date, Time and Location Change**  
Meet and Greet – Welcome Back  
Private Residence, Albuquerque, NM

**Next Meeting** – General Meeting  
Topic TBD  
Location TBD, Albuquerque, NM

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### Words from the Prez

Greetings Everyone,

We have good and bad news. The good news is we can start meeting again. The bad news is our meeting place, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, falls under the edict requiring everyone to wear a face mask while in state, county, or city buildings. Vaccine status does not matter. Everyone must wear a mask.

The concern with this is parrots are prey animals. Their survival instinct is directly connected to their ability to see faces and read body language. When something like a mask, hat, or even large sunglasses impedes their ability to see and read your face, a parrot may react in an aggressive manner. Hence, the risk of getting bitten or attacked greatly increases.

We're concerned for everyone's safety and the comfort of our parrots. The Community Center staff understands our concerns, and we can return to meeting there after the mask requirement is removed.

Until then, a club member has offered their private residence for the bird club to meet. Mask requirements are not applicable to private residences. For now, there is no limited to the number of people gathered either.

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.

An RSVP is necessary to obtain location details of our August meeting. Refer to Page 3 for information on how to RSVP.

The future still looks brighter than it has in a long time. Stay strong, healthy and choose happiness.

**Jennifer Catron**



# Bird Club Biz

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P.O. Box 67855  
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[www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://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 - 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 6/30/21)	\$1,537.17
Revenue	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance (stmt 7/31/21)	<b>\$1,537.17</b>

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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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**August 24, 2021 - Tuesday**

### Date, Time and Place Change

Our first meeting back in 17 months will be at a private residence. This is due to the mask requirement at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, and a safety issue with our parrots who could have negative reactions to people who wear a mask.

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: Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

**Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

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

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

This meeting will be a "Meet and Greet" and opportunity to discuss and plan future meetings programs and activities.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting date, place and program depend on what type of COVID restrictions are in place. Meeting information will be in the next newsletter and posted on our webpage: [www.HighDesertBirdClub.org](http://www.HighDesertBirdClub.org).

## HDBC Hotline

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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 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.birdsofatethernm.org](http://www.birdsofatethernm.org).

## AFA Conference 2021

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

An online option to participate was offered about two weeks before the conference. This was both good and frustrating.

Speakers that gave their presentations via online were clear and easy to hear. On site speaker presentations were rife with technical difficulties. Some presentations were very difficult to hear and their presentations almost impossible to see.

All presentations were recorded and AFA anticipates having those recordings available to conference participants in the next few weeks.

Some of the presentations may be of interest to the bird club. Depending on the audio and video quality of the presentation, we may use a presentation or two for a general meeting program.



## 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 Severe 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.



**Baby, Umbrella Cockatoo**

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

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

Rehoming fees and adoption policy process apply.



**Meyer's Parrot**

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