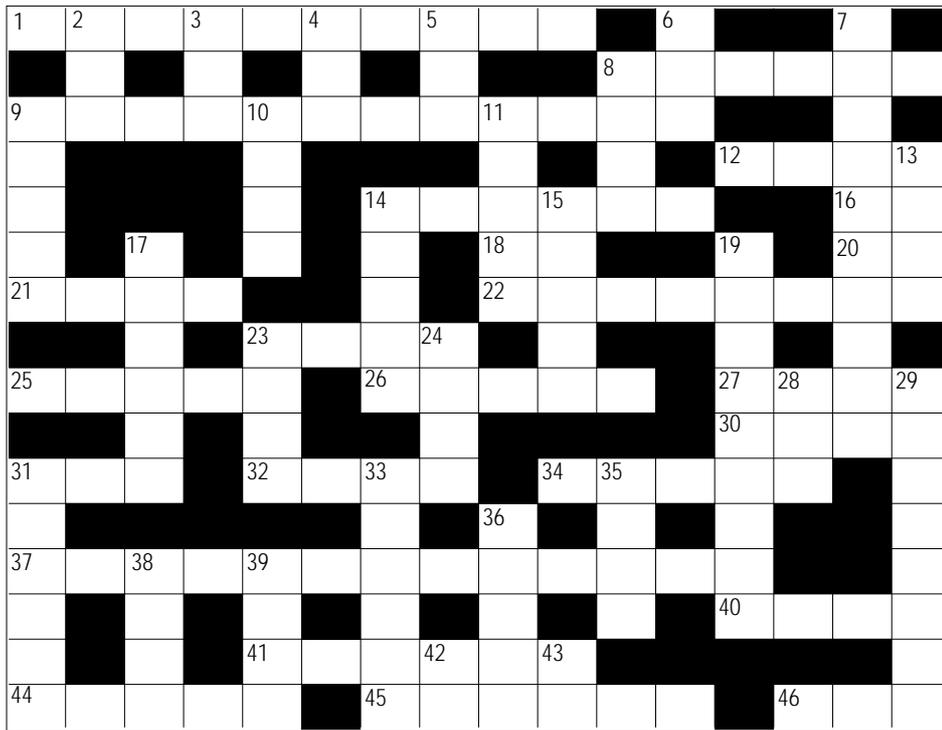


Avian Crossword Number 13: Collective nouns



A cast of hawks is a flock of hawks. In each case where it appears, 'flock' replaces a specific collective noun which is the answer to the clue.

Across clues

- 1 An unruly flock of owls in Canberra? (10)
 8 Flock of magpies ebbing and flowing? (6)
 9 Religious flock of plovers? (12)
 12 What pelagic birds may do over waves if milk fat reduced (4)
 14 Homicidal flock of crows? (6)
 16 Negative start for Noddy (2)
 18 Ibid (2)
 20 Dotterel starts action (2)
 21 Retired rugby player sounds like food for water birds (4)
 22 No slip, slop, slap, Dorothea loved such a country (8)
 23 Two form kiwi flock (4)
 25 *Aquila* or *Haliaeetus* (5)
 26 Convey of partridges without a letter (5)
 27 Exam in White Stint (4)
 30 Simple (4)
 31 Stint without directions? (3)
 32 Flock of grouse (4)
 34 Not concealed in plover territory (5)
 37 Not make believe, this flock of birds (4)
 40 *Larus* (4)
 41 These compound plants sound as printer's measure (6)
 44 When on water, they form a gaggle (5)
 45 A siege of ... (6)
 46 This New Zealand parrot sounds like a make of car (3)

Down clues

- 2 Past right leaves Jason's craft (3)
 3 _____ runner (3)
 4 _____ Bird is alternative to Nightjar (3)
 5 Letter of the Greek alphabet sounds like a consumer of food (3)
 6 Start waders if nomadic, won't lose (3)
 7 Flock of ravens show cruelty (9)
 8 Trill or whistle in reference to its pitch (4)
 9 *Porzana* (5)
 10 Does Buff-banded one choose to travel on this mode of public transport? (4)
 11 Do *Sterna* species have curves?
 13 Sounds like a swan's dubious point (4)
 14 Ape what lyrebirds do (5)
 15 Drench a flock of firetails?
 17 Does a flock of doves or swallows have a number like the Qantas ones do? (6)
 19 Flock of storks rounding up cattle? (9)
 23 Does a flock of chickens take a quick glance? (4)
 24 Has one of the corvid flock fallen from the building? Zorro okay inside. (4)
 28 To avoid starvation, all birds (and animals) need to do it in endless seats (3)
 29 Barn Owl (4,4)
 31 A Flock of magpies ebbing and flowing? (6)
 33 A flock of eggs? (6)
 35 A piece of material covering the face (4)
 36 A long-legged bird such as a Dotterel that feeds in shallow water (5)
 38 Ties changed birding place (4)
 39 Island (4)
 42 That male (2)
 43 Negative response (2)