

Avian crossword

A puzzle with an avian theme for you to ponder over...

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Across

- 1 Twelve Apostles or Grey Jumper (5,4)
 4 Middle gaped monkey (3)
 6 Middle masks question (3)
 8 "Colloquial term to describe light or dark combined area of throat and upper throat, e.g. on Peregrine Falcon" (3)
 13 *Colluricincla harmonica* (4,6-6)
 15 Number of species of *Grus* (Cranes and Brolga) found in Australia (3)
 16 See 68 down (7)
 19 Used to catch birds for banding (3)
 20 Did *Ixobrychus* eat piece of a *Sterna*? (7)
 23 Male name...Murray, Finn, Diamond (4)
 25 Either...(2)
 26 Did artist feature *Emblema pictum*? (7,5)
 29 A common name for *Burhinus grallarius* (6)
 30 Either...(2)
 31 Long period of time (3)
 32 Not on! (3)
 33 Jacky's season (6)
 35 Enemy (3)
 37 Britain (abbreviation) (2)
 38 Present tense of verb to be (2)



- 40 Editor plus garrulous one (8-7,7)

- 45 California (2)
 46 What a bird outing leader did (3)
 47 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
 48 Australian Bird Endowment Fund (1,1,1,1)
 49 Start *Amytornis textilis* (2)
 50 Quick, avoid *Oxyura* or *Biziura* (4)
 51 A form of Oxygen, O₃ (5)
 52 Room reversed hen (4)
 53 Apart from figs, a fruit favoured by *Sphecotheres viridis* (6)
 55 Treasurer Bird? (4)
 56 Mallee Fowl (5)
 58 About first two letters of Reedbird (2)
 59 Wine Robin? (4)
 60 Large tack (4)
 61 Fruit-eating bird of Central America with an enormous beak and striking colouration (6)
 64 Past quiet left 64 down (4)
 65 Looks after model before ends (4)
 66 Us at beginning of Weebill (2)
 67 Proceed, leave (2)
 69 To have on body (4)
 70 Does *Aythya australis* have a thick top? (8)
 73 *Anas* confused tale (4)
 74 Thought in bid early (4)
 75 Canine snack after 71 down (3)
 78 Owl (4)
 80 Avian \$ (10)
 82 Frozen water (3)
 84 Elizabeth Regina (1,1)
 85 Birds may use one for holding eggs (4)

- 86 Alternate common name for Sooty Oystercatcher (7)
 87 *Fulica atra* (8,4)

Down

- 1 *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos* confused mop to lilt tired crane (6,4,9)
 2 ...-necked Ibis (5)
 3 White-winged Chough (3)
 5 Clean feathers (5)
 6 What birds fly in (3)
 7 Unshaven? ...Quail (7)
 8 ...Bum = Yellow-rumped Thornbill (6)
 9 *Climacteris picumnus* (10,8)
 10 One of 23 across confused rite fail (7,8)
 11 Jay (5-6,6)
 12 *Epthianura* in discourse (4)
 14 Reverse gas wilts (3)
 17 *Pachyptila* species (5)
 18 Position near start of Mistletoebird (3)
 21 An instrument for facilitating mechanical operations and sometimes used by ravens (4)
 22 Work (6)
 24 That is (1,1)
 27 Flightless Australian bird (3)
 28 ...why, when (3)
 34 Recedes (4)
 35 See 43 down
 36 Knife one (4)

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