

Avian Crossword

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Across clues

- 1 Log bar confused dancing bird (6)
- 4 Popeye's girl supported muddled Leo or I (6)
- 8 Money for Dollarbird? (4)
- 11 What you might say to talkative birders when you spot a rarity (4)
- 14 Male Heron loses Ron (2)
- 15 Port use PR bar to produce excellent green bird (6,6)
- 18 Confused Edward loses letter for a waterbird.
- 19 Bachelor of Arts initially Buller's Albatross (1,1)
- 20 Mallee Fowl low and in (5)
- 22 ...and behold (2)
- 23 & 59 Pointed end, beach material and pied musician (5-6,4-5)
- 27 Outback TV adventurer reverses middle of Ron Nadi (4)
- 28 Initially don't know (1,1)
- 29 Crested Shrike-*** (3)
- 30 Cod ate what was covered (6)
- 32 Echuca-Moama United starts to form Dromaius (3)
- 33 Common *Eudynamis* in Koko El Ok (4)
- 35 Some (French) initially *Dendrocyana eytoni* (2)
- 36 Citrine Wagtail starts a hundredweight (2)
- 38 First name of lady who organised BOCA camps before David Ap-Thomas (initially not into numbering Apostlebirds!) (4)
- 40 South Australia (abbreviation) (1,1)
- 41 Nigerian tribe found in i Booby, ii Boatbill and iii boxing in Tibooburra (3)
- 43 Siberian flower in middle lobe (2)
- 44 Kansas (2)
- 45 Sometimes mistakenly-called "Top Knot" (7,6)
- 47 Silly old waterbird has a white forehead (4)
- 48 Striated Thornbill starts the way (2)
- 49 Accounts for the birds? (5)
- 51 What sort of a red-necked thing is *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*? (6)
- 53 What does the Peregrine Falcon have on its throat and upper-breast? (3)
- 54 "Space between base of bill and the eye, sometimes distinctly coloured" (4)
- 55 Hear exchange, extinct bird (4)
- 57 Man with an electronic caravan? (4)
- 58 and 53 down Kingfisher Symons bet on? (3-6)
- 59 See 23 across
- 62 Teased about to quieten (6)

- 63 Jason's boat carried valuable cargo, a golden fleece and, in a jar, goose. (4)
- 64 Warrant officer, New Guinea and a pigeon! (5)
- 68 Magnificent Riflebird starts sir! (2)
- 69 New sumer changed to combine with 32 across (8)
- 75 Derides Boobook when novel's gone (3)
- 76 Combines bit of Star-spangled Banner with an idiot? (8,6)

Down clues

- 1 Thick-knee (4,5,6)
- 2 Lost Avocet eggs beginning of New Guinea town (3)
- 3 Having killed one, the Ancient Mariner was cursed (9)
- 5 Country but not a country (5)
- 6 Allow in an Owlet Nightjar! (3)
- 7 Musk Lorikeet starts for a mathematical symbol! (2)
- 8 Irrigation ditch billed a cuckoo! (7,6)
- 9 Out first ball waffer Shelley's half lost! (8)
- 10 She meets her on white-necked (5)
- 11 Outlaw of Sherwood Forest wearing a hood? (6,5)
- 12 Black symbol of Western Australia, Wayne (4)
- 16 Australian and Oriental spoil NT race (11)
- 21 What Painted Snipe, Avocets and Dotterels do! (4)
- 24 Hello, in chick (2)
- 25 "Dull-coloured plumage, usually after breeding season", sees moon between Earth and Sun (7)
- 26 Dotterel starts to oversee act (2)
- 31 A go-go dancer was amazed by "Silver" and "O.G." (4)
- 34 What birds have to do to survive (3)
- 37 Rovers on plains such as at Terricks? (9)
- 39 Painted Snipe or Painted Honeyeater perhaps (3)
- 42 Ate a bit of tern? (*Ixobrychus* or *Botaurus*)? (2)
- 46 Write-off end of a quill (3)
- 50 Banded Stilts and Flamingos prefer ... water (4)
- 51 Opera in *Mylagra idaqueta* (4)
- 52 Hanging Dick, Cataract Bird, Cavebird, Rock Warbler (6)
- 53 See 58 across.

- 56 Every second *Anas* for Alcoholics Anonymous? (1,1)
- 58 Regarding, initially, Rufous-crowned Emu-wren (2)
- 60 Pale-headed Rosella starts public-relations stunt? (1,1)
- 61 Pornography (abbrev.) (4)
- 62 "Sharp, bony projection on bend of wing or on a leg" (4)
- 65 Siberian flower in middle lobe (2)
- 66 Negative centre of taxonomical (2)
- 67 Proceed to end Drongo (2)
- 70 Medico initially Mountain Duck (1,1)
- 71 Army NCO in adjoining ends of Yellow Oriole (1,1)
- 72 We lost from wren for Royal Navy (1,1)
- 73 Initially Eyrean Grasswren for example (1,1)
- 74 Negative beginning of Noisy Miner (2)

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and a
Happy New Year
to all readers!**