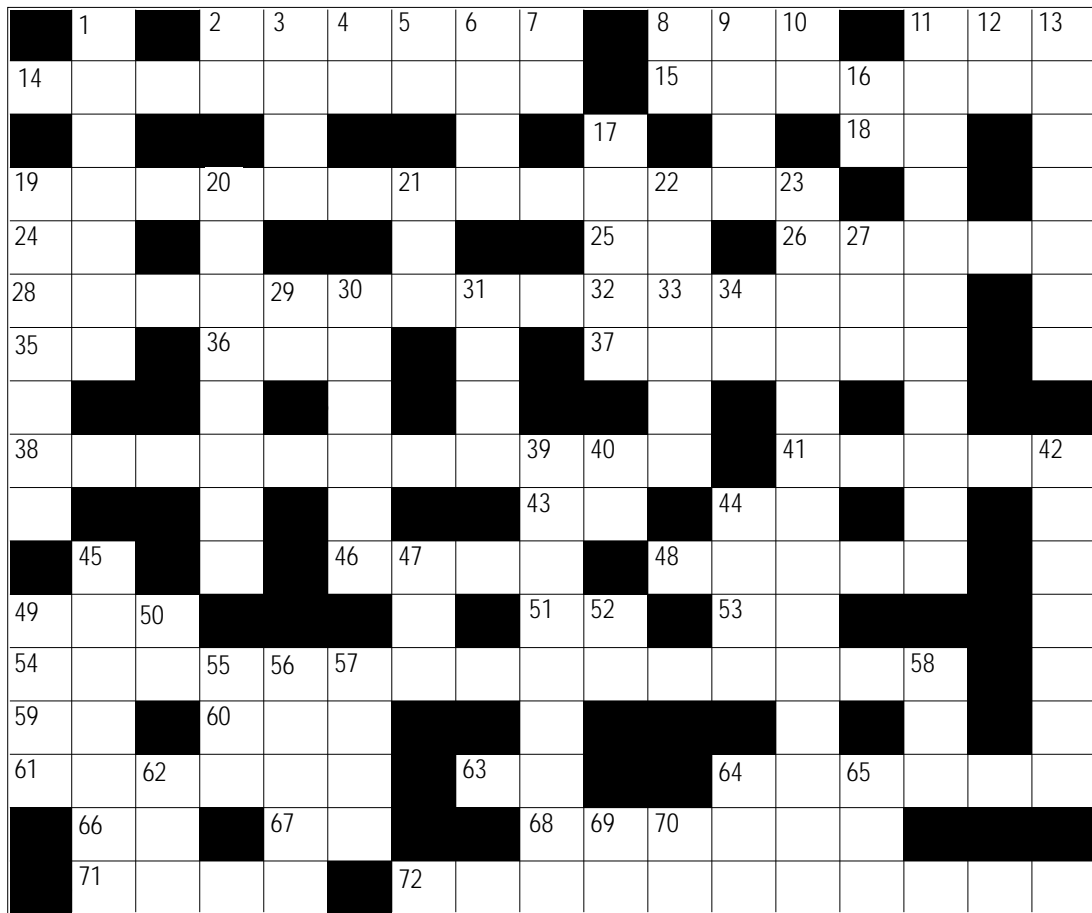


# AVIAN CROSSWORD NUMBER 2



Have fun trying to solve this rather cryptic crossword. Some of the clues are relatively easy and should help you work out the harder clues.

## Across clues

- 2 Olive Oil and ore backed bird mix,  
 8 Uneven, in bird fodder  
 11 Is with. Starts herons and spoonbills  
 14 Avian hurdler found in habitat of 28 across (3-6)  
 15 Shock with novel night-bird call  
 18 Australian Order (1,1)  
 19 Hilltop editor heads "Hog Times" (7,6)  
 24 Gosh! It's morning chorus time. Bit of a backwards hoot!  
 25 Red Goshawk (initials) (1,1)  
 26 Dawn chorus sounds like an avian version of short operation.  
 28 Royal hoarder usually found in habitat of 14 across (6,9).  
 35 Extreme 42 down, printers measure  
 36 Lousy name for a pet Abbott's Booby, hey Bud?  
 37 Refreshes Queen but annoys Easter.  
 38 Lesser Black-backed Gull (scientific record) (5,6)  
 41 Buff able to be used to a describe colour of the Phoenix, or so legend has it.  
 43 Backward start for Sitella, usually after it.  
 44 George was king, start Green Rosella  
 46 Queen leaves 37 across, drinks put down.  
 48 *Pachyptila*  
 49 Let me tell you about an interview with an old man...  
 51 *Tringa ochropus* (initials)  
 53 Australian Order for *Oxyura australis*? (initials) (1,1)  
 54 Excellent elf *Malurus*  
 59 South West (1,1)  
 60 Gosh, rhythm and blues deserts Grebe.

- 61 Ring set up mother for Rock Warbler  
 63 What some bird observers initially have even before they peep at birds (1,1)  
 64 Once Bittern loses a letter it may be twice shy.  
 66 Salt measure unit or European Community peck away PK gum (1,1)  
 67 Information technology: do...  
 68 Initially, large albatross heads over real eastern Pakistani city  
 71 What birds build during breeding season  
 72 Pigeon stoned at Lil's, takes after a Firetail (7, 4)

## Down clues

- 1 Fowl swamp  
 2 Either Oriole keeps its head...  
 3 Bits of a Ruddy Turnstone discolour old metal  
 4 Not out! Indian Mynah starts building a big innings.  
 5 A bird sits .. a 71 across.  
 6 Food for insectivorous birds, every second one flees ripe.  
 7 Her Majesty (1,1)  
 8 Old Brolga starts long river of Siberia.  
 9 Act! Act! Do over extinct bird.  
 10. Act! Halve 9 down.  
 11 Leading outlaw in Sherwood Forest? (6,5)  
 12 See 18 across.  
 15 Aerial tomfoolery  
 16 Birds Australia (initials) (1,1)  
 17 Mostly, regret (water bird)  
 19 Centre all jumbled, local pest species.  
 20 Australian water bird loses a bit of its shell...

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21...but can...its beak into shallow water.

22 Plural of 17 down

23 Monk warbles loudly? (5,9)

27 Before a bit of preening.

29 Negative! Only the start of 23 down survives!

30 Little Miss Muffet sat on one, a sprig of swamp grass perhaps

31 Wise night birds

34 Bachelor of Arts for 16 down member? (1,1)

39 Golden-headed or Zitting?

40 We who are here.

42...Rosella, or... Yellow Robin or ... Bristlebird.

44 Chicks soon...into adults.

45 *Stipituris*

47 Male companion for mythical creature of 54 across?

49 A US oil and gas company which operates in Australia

50 Not down, so no feathers?

52 Alternatively, start Oriole.

55 What birds may lay in 71 across

56 Short work for Sigley

57 Dispatch, had merit

58 Used to catch birds

62 Frozen water

64 Good bit of Blue Bonnet

65 Edward takes a middle bit of Painted Quail.

69 Morning (1,1)

70 Santa call starting every second Hooded Robin