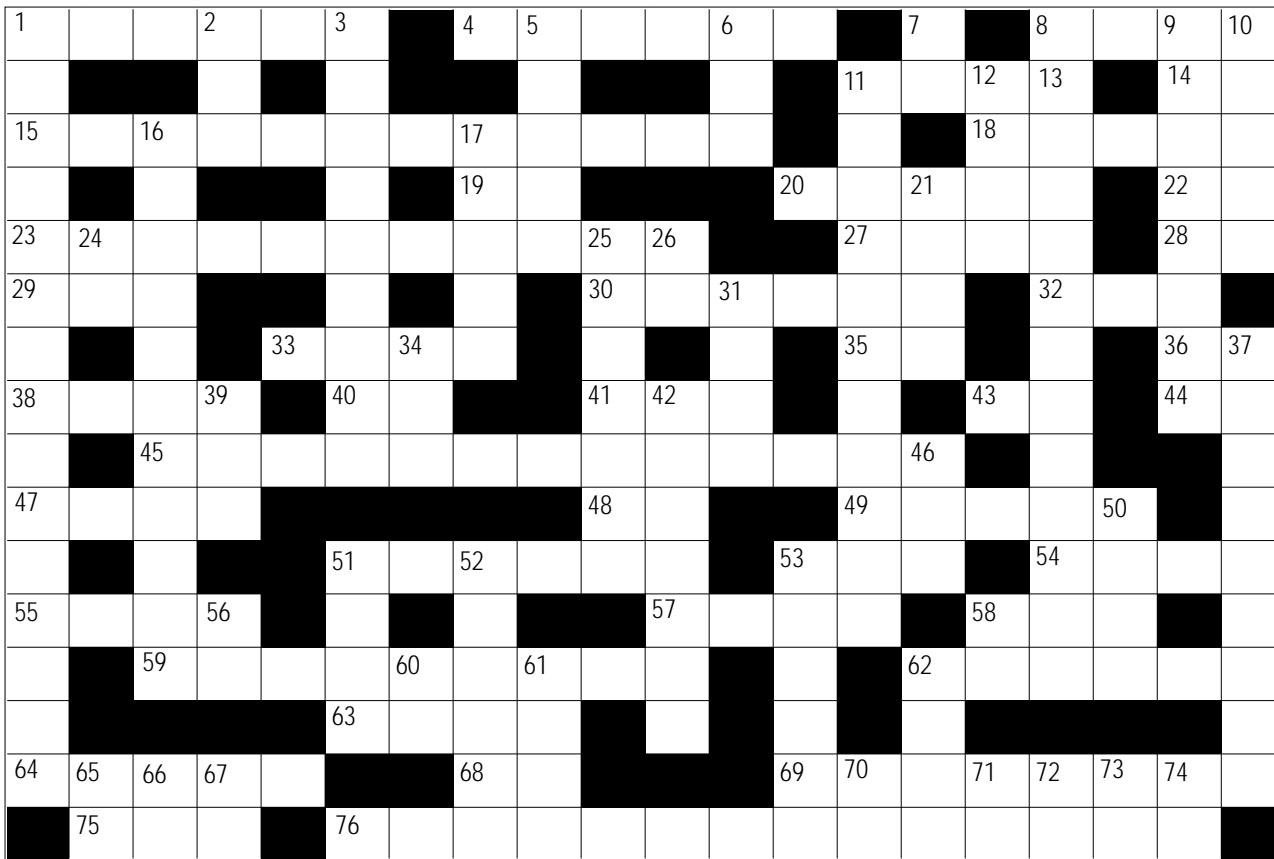


AVIAN CROSSWORD NUMBER THREE



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

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 noisy ones when seeking a bird (4)
 14 Male heron loses Ron (2)
 15 Port use PR bar to produce excellent green bird (6,6)
 18 Raw Ed. confused a wetland bird (5)
 19 Bachelor of Arts (1,1)
 20 Mallee Fowl (5)
 22 ...now 774 (2)
 23 and 59 Pointed end, beach material and pied musician (5-6, 4-5)
 27 Outback TV adventurer (4)
 28 Don't know (sic) (1,1)
 29 Crested Shrike...(3)
 30 Cod ate what was covered (6)
 32 Echuca Moama United starts interview with an old man. (3)
 33 Common bird of Australia's eastern coast (4)
 35 Some (French)
 36 Crested Wagtail starts a hundredweight? (1,1)
 38 First name of lady who organised BOCA camps before David Ap-Thomas took over from her
 40 South Australia (1,1)
 41 Nigerian tribe is somewhere in i Booby, ii Boatbill and iii Tibooburra (3)
 43 Siberia flower in middle lobe (2)
 44 Kansas (2)
 45 Sometimes erroneously called "a Top Knot" by locals (7,6)
 47 Silly old water bird with white bill-shield (4)
 48 Striated Thornbill starts the way (2)

- 49 Accounts for the birds (5)
 51 *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*, red-neck! (6)
 53 Peregrine Falcon has one 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 Sounds like you an' more organised a campout at Terricks last year (4)
 58 across & 53 down, Kingfisher sp. (3-6)
 59 See 23 across
 62 Teased about to quieten (2)
 63 Jason's boat carried valuable cargo, a golden fleece (4)
 64 Warrant officer, New Guinea and a pigeon! (5)
 68 Magnificent Riflebird starts sir! (2)
 69 New Sumer changed to start with 32 across and then Jennys (8)
 75 Shocking start for a Boobook, novel's gone (3)
 76 Star...banner of USA and an idiot (8,6)

Down clues

- 1 Thick-knee (4,5,6)
 2 Lone avocet eggs beginning town in PNG (3)
 3 Having killed one, the Ancient Mariner was cursed (9)
 5 Country (6)
 6 Allow in Owlet Nightjar (3)
 7 Musk Lorikeet begins mathematical symbol (2)
 8 Irrigation ditch billed a type of cuckoo (7,6)
 9 Out first ball after Shelley's half lost (8)
 10 She meets her on Pacific (5)
 11 Outlaw of Sherwood Forest wears hood (6,5)
 12 Black symbol of Western Australia (4)
 16 Australian and Oriental spoil NT race (11)
 17 An account all birds have (1,4)
 21 What Painted Snipe, Avocets & 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 act (2)
 31 Stunned; amazed "Silver" and "O.G." (4)
 34 What birds have to do to survive (3)
 37 Rovers on plains, e.g. at Terricks (9)
 39 Painted Snipe or Painted Honeyeater perhaps (3)
 42 Eat a piece of a tern (*Ixobrychus* or *Botaurus*)?
 46 Write off end of a quill (3)
 50 Flamingoes prefer this kind of water (4)
 51 Opera in *Myiagra idaquieta* (sic) (4)
 52 Genus of Hanging Dick, Cataract Bird, Cavebird or Rock Warbler (6)
 53 See 58 across
 56 Alcoholics Anonymous (1,1)
 58 Regarding beginning of Rufous-crowned Emu (2)
 60 Pale-headed Rosella starts public relations stunt (1,1)
 61 If short of 8-across, you may have to ... birding equipment (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 begins Mountain Duck (1,1)
 71 I warrant there's an army NCO in centre of Yellow Oriole (1,1)
 72 We lost from wren for Royal Navy (1,1)
 73 Initials of Eyrean Grasswren for example (1,1)
 74 Negative beginning of Noisy Miner (2)