

The Bittern Puzzle #01

Large and cryptic

ACROSS

- 1 Eagle – in Tasmania we'd start getting identification enquiries (6)
- 5 Without delay, God re-constructed temples (7)
- 9 US bird embroiled in bonk boilover (8)
- 13 Seabird knocked back pretty morsel with greed (4-6,5-6)
- 14 I led far out with top birder to find a plain Asian passerine (8)
- 15 Aerial songster mucking around (7)
- 16 Dunlin moves north to first breed in Ireland (6)
- 17 Flying – want in lens for many shots here (4,6)
- 20 Rogering mostly randy wandering musician (5,7)
- 23 A blockbuster band arising initially from Sweden (4)
- 24 A way to measure a large pigeon (8)
- 26 It's my Emu, cooked to taste best (8)
- 29 Jester's ally went around to pick up North American birds (8,4)
- 30 Cheap trick on European shorelines? (6,4)
- 32 The French cats have Coot rattled: things are left hanging here (4,6)
- 34 Renew barrel smashed after glorious start, discover Caucasian passerine (5,7)
- 36 Some eastern Albatross without true ribs (8)
- 38 Land a bit off an American pigeon (4-4)
- 39 Natural product has some allure as fertilizer (4)
- 41 Australian duck that uncle set out to find (8,4)
- 43 No pelagic sea-birding for her because of silly lab blunder (10)
- 44 Opening for first couples of clumsy oasis camels (6)
- 46 General chaos for an insect-eater (7)
- 48 Unusual timeline for a mineral to form (8)
- 50 Sell Polly lion below bid, exchange it for a waterbird (6-6,9)
- 51 Where weary hen might crash! (8)
- 52 Any cuts affected Mediterranean archipelago? (8)
- 53 Groans about one's essential parts (6)

DOWN

- 2 Raptor primarily eating animals, geckos, lizards? Exactly! (5)
- 3 Small insectivore could become a giant flyer! (4,7)
- 4 Birds outwardly ill betide moving water (3,5)
- 5 Walked determinedly, seeing parrots and cockatoos every day for starters (5)
- 6 Stabbing fatigues sesqui-centenarian somewhat (7)
- 7 In Tasmania, is so drunk by fermentation (5,6)
- 8 Has no strange tribesman arrived? (5)
- 9 Ineptly link my pub crawl (9)
- 10 Mate – strange eBirder without first interstate records (5)
- 11 There's burning talk about this American sparrow (4,7)
- 12 All nine letters are used for an anti-narcotic (7)
- 18 Large seabird sailors bat away after I leave (9)
- 19 Name of avenging goddess seems in doubt (7)
- 21 Eurasian passerine gets cold with start of rather stormy conditions (9)
- 22 Fruity Malayan native, unusually born at a Malayan capital (8)
- 25 Migrating Teal can be made legal (9)
- 27 There's a passerine in every isle (9)
- 28 Manchester at night is cosy (3,5)
- 31 Raise in an environment I once visited (7)
- 33 Makes a wowsers tell name of American insectivore (4,7)
- 34 A Rifleman flock? With legs nursing wound (11)
- 35 Sad decoration for an 11D relative (4,7)
- 37 Contestable to disturb Teal with big unbounded bill (9)
- 40 Go film an exotic waterbird (8)
- 42 Carefree type of Kingfisher (7)
- 43 Lining of Kevlar is saving girl (7)
- 45 Weka, stirred up about nothing, was disturbed (5)
- 47 One hundred Teal migrating with flair (5)
- 48 Arctic gull associated with Mammoths? (5)
- 49 Claw somewhat vital on raptors (5)

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