

The Bittern Puzzle #02

Large and cryptic

ACROSS

- 1 Bad writer scrawled its description (9)
- 6 Directors resign – left high and dry in the swamp (10)
- 12 Unfortunately I retain my sluggish condition (7)
- 13 Space a bit messy for African passerine? (4,5)
- 14 Pronoun heard in a certain position (5)
- 16 At sea – land and rush this bird (6,6)
- 17 Fast flyer can go flying (4,6)
- 19 Hype with unknown author allowed to find aerial insectivore (6,8)
- 22 Tempers flare after pressure – jumps right in (3-5)
- 24 Regretting some untrue fulsome praise (6)
- 25 Like former PM using fond term for American waterfowl? (5,5)
- 26 Infectious situation after last birdwatcher leaves a crow (5)
- 29 Nesting material sourced through the internet (4)
- 30 Rich and into playing with birds (8)
- 32 I'd left widow a reason for stunning bird (3,6)
- 34 Mouthpiece for a thrush (9)
- 35 Roar, and deny arrangement is loosely arranged – for example, non-taxonomic (3,5)
- 36 A large predator soaring here initially (4)
- 39 Users playing tricks (5)
- 40 Discipline summed up (10)
- 42 A nose's suffering – it might be Spring (6)
- 44 Petty merchant, he struck wildly (8)
- 46 Seabird allowed into SCG Members area? (8,6)
- 48 Mass destruction – but with cosy appeal, strangely enough (10)
- 49 Unruly slobs hurling ashtray at seabird (3,9)
- 53 Like birdwatchers, with leaders staying on board eyeing Rockhoppers (5)
- 54 Northern songbird saw small bird gulping each snack furiously (4,5)
- 55 Give permission to deal with silence (7)
- 56 Scores level finally – disturbing watch (and more, oddly) (5,5)
- 57 These can cause a distress (9)

DOWN

- 1 Cycle where hylacolas eat every larvae at first (5)
- 2 A tutor is an unusual old reptile (10)
- 3 Try out big match by the way (4,4)
- 4 Suffer as some robin, curlew or honeyeater might (5)
- 5 Placed egg in nest which indeed, somehow, I spot (9)
- 6 Two graduates meeting for cake ... (4)
- 7 ... since seabird is behind the boat (6)
- 8 Finally convinced, Sky runs wagers for broadcasting inland bird (5,9)
- 9 A cat threatens endlessly to disturb an African passerine (8,4)
- 10 It's crippling how it's covering the joint (7)
- 11 Sulawesi endemic somehow wiping crop production (6,4)
- 15 Insider with outside running has front row seat (9)
- 18 Deny Dick an opportunity to find African passerine (8)
- 20 Birds primarily in droves, flying – they have characteristic nests (9)
- 21 Ugandan passerine with unusual air (but is it?) (5,5)
- 23 Umberto leads a battler to a determined Greenie (10)
- 27 Role of agitator – stir alive, stir well (9)
- 28 Catchment topography miscommunicated in tardy message (8,6)
- 31 Where many first flights begin (8)
- 33 Box and argue after audience identifies a universal intruder (5,7)
- 34 Rhea had case of doubts about ducks (9)
- 37 Spectacular outcome – before girls chanted (10)
- 38 Part of its precept: a clean litter-free environment (10)
- 41 Drawn out, which seems a bit fishy (3-6)
- 43 Blue and black are for eccentrics (8)
- 45 Tool certain birds are forbidden to use (7)
- 47 Adjusted stance, moving higher (6)
- 50 Singers a bit special to songbirds (5)
- 51 A bird of Horn Island (5)
- 51 A fish Ospreys prefer above Hoki at first (4)

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