

## The Bittern Puzzle #03

### Large and cryptic

#### ACROSS

- 1 Old King George, a fool starts with rather enormous Nikon to find a desert dweller (4,9)
- 8 Medico surgery in drunken spree went well (9)
- 13 Some moron or oaf in a US university town (5)
- 14 Merge Tit genera randomly (9)
- 15 Gears used when feathering? (7)
- 16 Just the thing for one's clippings (4,8)
- 17 It's a teeny hero when migrating (10)
- 18 Pairs of Trogons again! Nice, but without wings it's not (6)
- 19 Paraná's pride, as your Gatsby is to listeners (5,3)
- 21 NZ killers start serious terrorising of all Shovelers, Tuis, Silvereyes (6)
- 24 Leaves arrangement, having dined after visit to pub (10)
- 26 Snowy Mountains in three other continents (near-as, with varied letters) (6,6)
- 29 Sometimes a garden feature – initially birds appreciate this hospitality (4)
- 30 Antisocial rampaging schoolie gang (not SCEG) (8)
- 31 It's better, or is pure rubbish (8)
- 34 It's a duck – had heard differently (8)
- 35 Brief business with parliamentarian allowed judge finally to finish (8)
- 36 Place birds moult into new tails (4)
- 39 A parrot – nomadic, like Stork and Emu (4,8)
- 40 Unnaturally white Ibis – location vague without glasses (10)
- 43 Acknowledgement achieved by top couples with serious study (6)
- 44 Currently having car problems (8)
- 45 Fancy chook goes "garble garble" (6)
- 49 Mutual inverse (9)
- 51 Asian songster's uncontrolled hunt has peril (6,6)
- 53 The most strident in a flap led to us (7)
- 54 Much appreciated thanks, I'd initially hoped differently (9)
- 55 Shorebird has a sole characteristic (5)
- 56 Administrator arranges arrest, confining soldier and leading rebel (9)
- 57 Make standard gripe about this African pheasant (4,9)

#### DOWN

- 1 In turn, I'd got confused and excited on finding this Himalayan bird (6,3)
- 2 I care to play with this! (7)
- 3 Yoga is bliss without a performing waterbird (6,4)
- 4 In this condition, a starving individual takes in anything to get started (6)
- 5 Stones found this was unavailable (12)
- 6 Run at first, not quite vigorous but quite thorough (8)
- 7 Use one at a time to keep tidy (4)
- 8 These were birds? False, true or pass? (10)
- 9 Raptor taking large food items (6)
- 10 Was down, is now developing a method for a positive lift (10)
- 11 Resting area primarily for Ruffs or other shorebird types (5)
- 12 African bird gets ready to reward press (6,7)
- 20 Outer layers of crisp pea damaged (8)
- 22 Strangely, a tactic beginners initially consider appropriate to find this African passerine (6,3)
- 23 Inherit a flogging and hanging (2,3,3)
- 25 Migrating tern sites can attract these (9)
- 27 A Russian bird that's remarkably true in a teen's trouble (5,3)
- 28 Getting to Dili is remote travelling (8)
- 29 Barbara not eat whale meat, stir-fried? It's a Nassau specialty (6,7)
- 32 They used old retorts, they think (11)
- 33 Cape widow attracts cowardly cleric (6,6)
- 37 Outdoor peril a Red Siskin can certainly manage (4,6)
- 38 In general, 10 hens were flying (10)
- 41 Orchestra performance sometimes is misplaced (9)
- 42 All is not ready to mount (8)
- 46 Caught on the rebound, Edwina moved quickly (7)
- 47 Nosy night bird?(6)
- 48 A place for wildlife, located under their tails (6)
- 50 Clasped, hung around (5)
- 52 Partial skeleton: back, male areas (4)



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