

Fledgling 0001

This cryptic crossword puzzle uses birds and birdwatching as its theme. The solution is on page 2.

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- 6 Female and crazy male robin (5)
- 9 Energy-strewn ego helps common arid country resident to exist (7,8)
- 10 Look at the call (4)
- 11 Detects rhythm or a wing motion? (5,1,4)
- 13 Not an Australian bird, nor got application to become one (6)
- 14 Lack of movement by roosting birds indeed! (8)
- 17 USA city where Banded Stilts are found! (4,4)
- 18 Brave description seen in fresh *Eroica* performance (6)
- 21 National characteristic of our endemic birds (10)
- 23 Flightless bird seen in overhead view! (4)
- 25 Socialist shot bird found in northern and inland Australia (3-6,6)
- 26 Handle weapon where a Woodpigeon might be heard to be seen in Kent (5)
- 27 Method of handling if works follow a place for shorebirds and waterfowl (9)

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- 4 Adjective attributed to a bush-hen when it let off steam? (6)
- 5 Annoying knitting sound! (8)
- 6 Hesitate after smart trap for a type of bird (10)
- 7 *Columbiformes* member is partly had overhead of us (1,4)
- 8 Clever to notice part of UK soccer team once was associated with liver birds (7)
- 12 Drunken ribald lord of the forest, is spotted on the wing (10)
- 15 Press animal into trains once upon a time (4,5)
- 16 Useful device for birdwatching indoors? (8)
- 17 Pick two fights for this small bird (7)
- 19 Misalign tail in bed for a small Eurasian bird (4,3)
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- 22 Marsh plant found within habitat's edges (5)
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