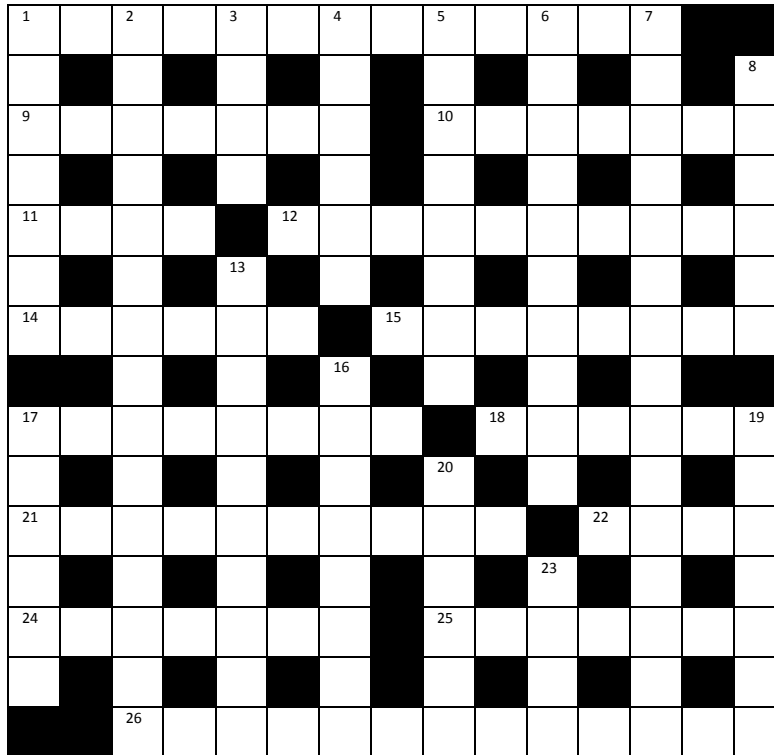


Fledgling 0002

This cryptic crossword puzzle uses birds and birdwatching as its main theme. Answers are on the next page.



Across

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- 10A, 13D This bird makes a tinkling call, yet earnest chorale is another way to describe it (7,10)
- 11 A shop where uncle works (4)
- 12 Is a natural characteristic of 10A, 13D and 2D, as examples (10)
- 14 Loser takes time and finds a plant alcohol (6)
- 15 Win the debate against roué with a gut (8)
- 17 Like neat kinky kinky object (5,3)
- 18 OK with a gin, but not pleasant to listen to (6)
- 21 Register your thoughts – both Tony and Kevin had this in mind in 2013 (5,5)
- 22 A talkative bird? (4)
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- 3 Strategy that former computer expert develops? (4)
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- 13 See 10A
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- 17 A noise, loud inside; how 13D prefers the forest (6)
- 19 Derogatory sound that birds do not want to hear (7)
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