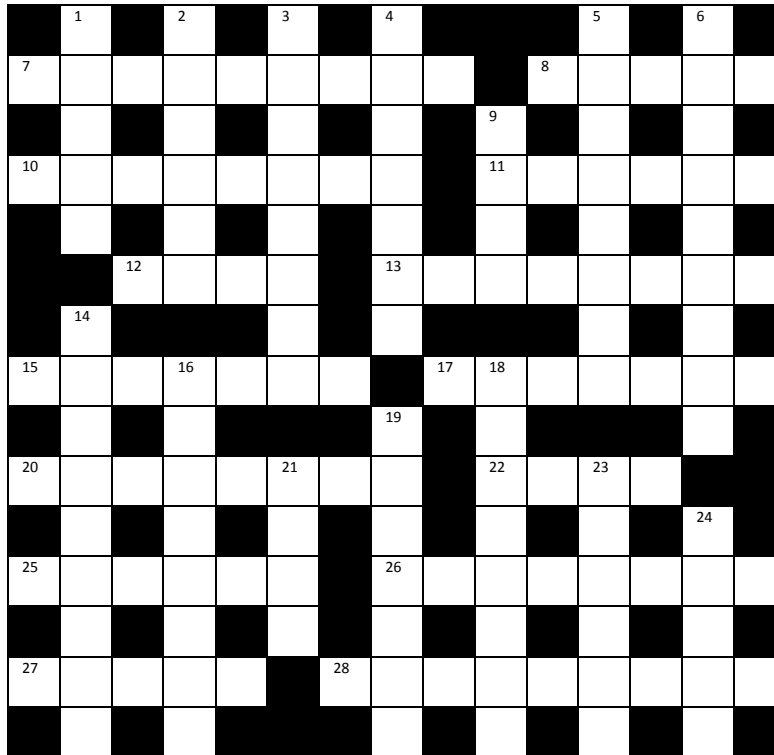


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This cryptic crossword uses birds and birdwatching as its main theme. Answers are on the next page.



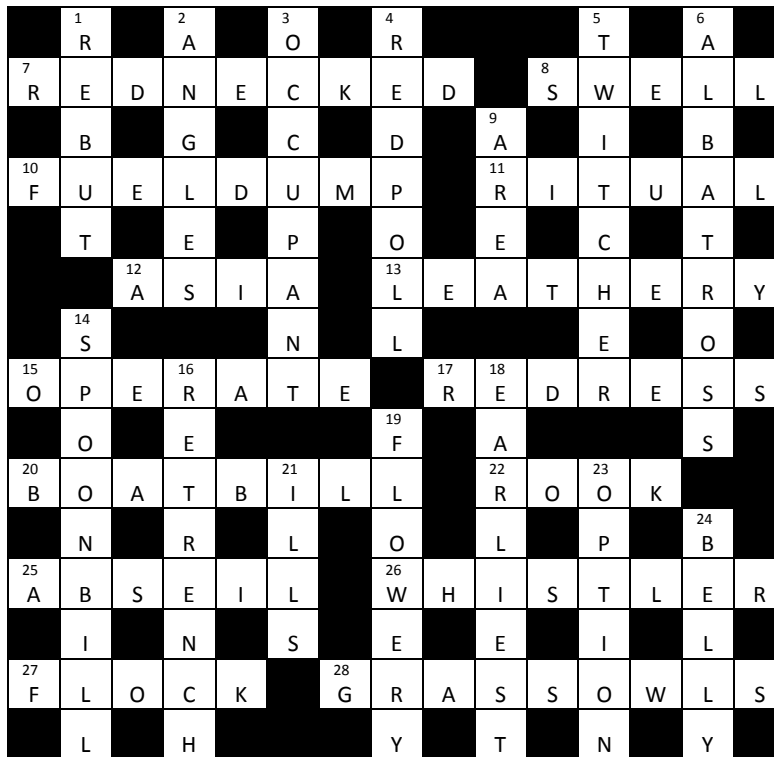
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- 10 Half full plumed feature when tackling a long desert trip (4, 4)
- 11 Partly spiritual ceremonial function (6)
- 12 Since one has a continent (4)
- 13 Eat here endlessly in lovely surroundings – like a friarbird’s head (8)
- 15 Function properly found in the latest telescope rates of hire (7)
- 17 Fix the broken furniture (7)
- 20 The cost of the pelagic trip? No, a northern Australian bird (8)
- 22 Bird found in brooks and other European habitats (4)
- 25 Sailor starts to climb down quickly (6)
- 26 He twirls madly and vocally in the forest (8)
- 27 Change sides in a dress – many birds do this! (5)
- 28 Confused lass grows used to these birds (5, 4)

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- 1 Counter-argue that the potato is back (5)
- 2 Gleans for fish? (6)
- 3 A territorial holder when occult plan is concocted without ills (8)
- 4 Do North Koreans vote for this bird? (7)
- 5 Bird-listing enthusiast travels with certainty, lacking a tiny part (8)
- 6 This bird is a basal sort of wanderer (9)
- 9 Place near each inclusion (4)
- 14 Snoop around, grab an invoice, meet a regal type (9)
- 16 Endless creche with tern madly looking to reduce the numbers (8)
- 18 The first ones to arrive swear, lie, steal – or partly so (8)
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