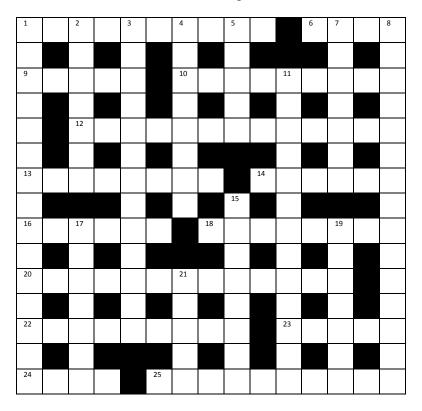
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This cryptic crossword uses Australian birds and birdwatching as its main theme. Answers are on the next page.



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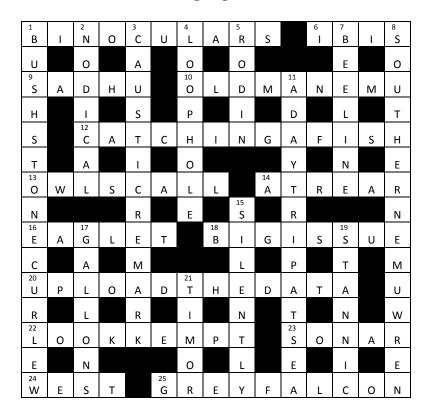
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