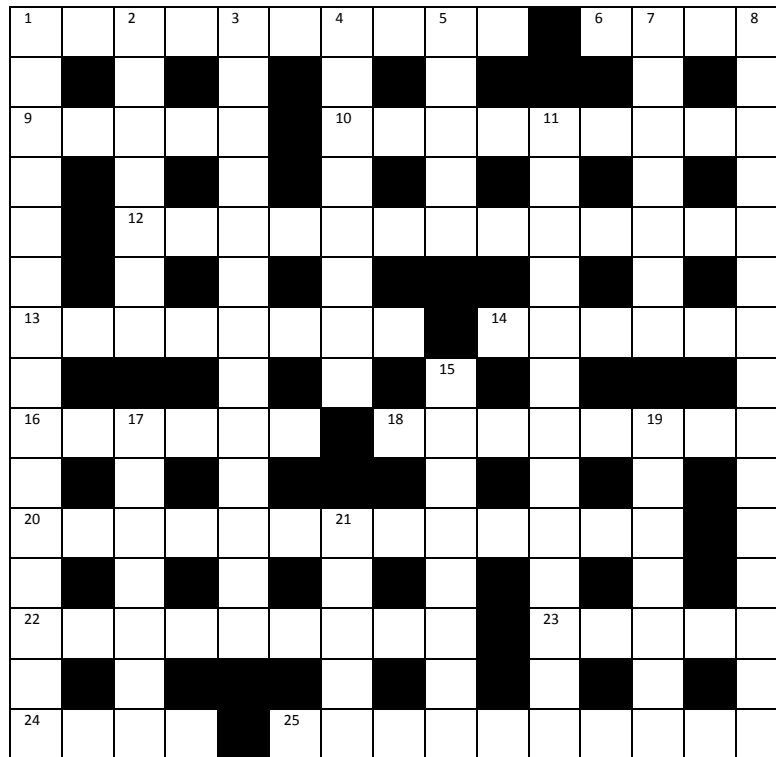


## Fledgling 0006

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



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- 9 Sub-continental home claimed by Hooded Robin, Diamond Firetail! (5)
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- 12 A type of shorebird which preys upon the cray sector? (13)
- 13 Let Daisy go smoothly (8)
- 14 In the middle of a recent return birding trip (6)
- 16 Perfectionist put sir back in place (6)
- 18 How a young *Platalea* chick is raised? (8)
- 20 Riposted after bad idea or modern method for tracking birds is revealed (5,8)
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