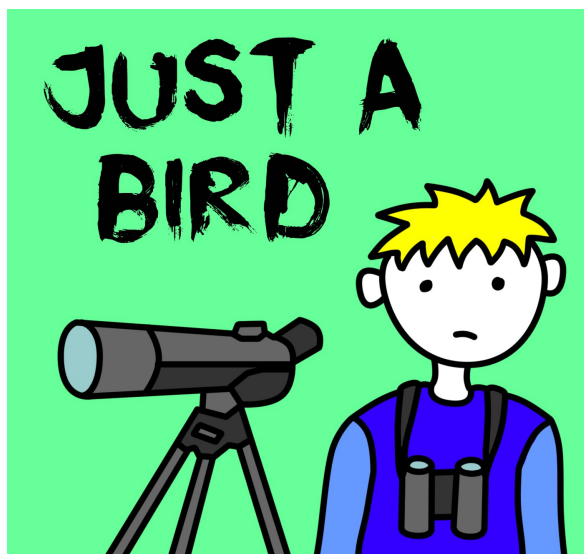
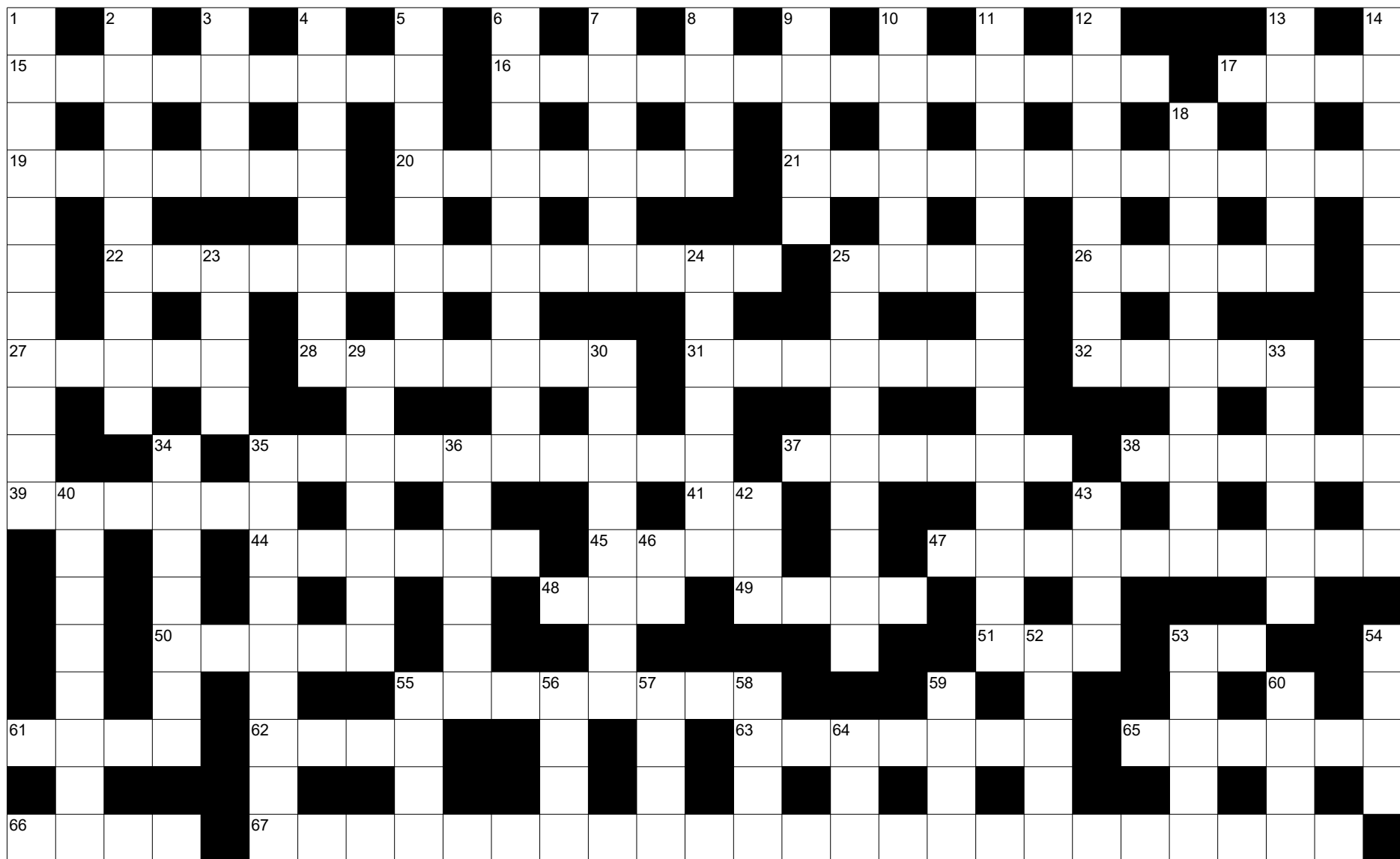


A CROSSWORD FOR BIRDERS



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- 15 Rock for the Black Reds race (9)
- 16 Vocalist performs funeral song, twice (7,7)
- 17 Scientifically, Mrs. Odysseus, but not the quacker! (4)
- 19 Yo momma's twitched this larid (7)
- 20 Eilat, 1994 – we twitch a reported Razorbill. But no. (7)
- 21 Modified feather. A single vowel change could result in a painful rear end! (6,7)
- 22 Bubo lad. Hangs around in the sub-continent (6,5,3)
- 25 Tit tells dirty jokes (4)
- 26 Chick-rearing deserves better pay (5)
- 27 This genus of warbler required UN aid, strangely (5)
- 28 Ignoring the EU in a debate, will leave a specific dabbler (7)
- 31 Scargill opponent retort perhaps? (4,3)
- 32 Reject this rare bird mecca (5)
- 35 "Thank heaven!" says Chevalier about this species (6,4)
- 37 Join 1001 with 55 and America to get raptor genus (6)
- 38 Could be spur, crest or band (6)
- 39 British vagrant on 24th April 1988 flew from here (6)
- 41 Mighty river, important for wader migration (2)
- 44 Moniker given to white-collared Jackdaws (6)
- 45 Classic scope (4)
- 47 Chat as the jet fires the engine? (10)
- 48 Is this bunting an American spy? (3)
- 49 A bird only after vagrancy (4)
- 50 Mix the sweet stuff for a flamboyant pheasant (5)
- 51 Scottish Estuary with extensive reedbeds (3)
- 53 River, centre of European parrotbill population (2)
- 55 Put the Sharks with the Jets and a cockatoo appears (4-4)
- 61 Castle (4)
- 62 Colloquial generic name goes a-tumbling (4)
- 63 What gulls will do after gorging on bread (7)
- 65 "I don't believe it!" (6)
- 66 Sounds like this soft-part can prophesise (4)
- 67 Tiara-clad show-off undecided which wader it wants to be! (8,9-6)

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- 1 Specifically, hair that really glows, perhaps even to combustion (11)
- 2 Oddly, I abuse tin for northern phyllosc (9)
- 3 Southern species, top of football pecking order in 2007 (4)
- 4 Dorset nature reserve, or earring emporium? (8)
- 5 Styan's and Middendorff's (8)
- 6 David pinching bum for comic effect (5,5)
- 7 Cleanest, tidiest grouse (6)
- 8 Wintering country of Omid the lonely crane (4)
- 9 Location of the first British Kingbird (5)
- 10 Butcher always pays taxes (6)
- 11 Arctic species, possibly also at home in a London garden (8,6)
- 12 They are cave-dwellers, nocturnal and echolocate, but they're not bats (8)
- 13 Dove in decline (6) [*see @step_dove on twitter for details*]
- 14 Successfully twitched and on my list! (5,3,4)
- 18 This chick is too cool for a nest (10)
- 23 Head of Faculty with Haws and Boars in her woods (4)
- 24 Location of top rare wader site of Kilcoole (7)
- 25 Uniquely, birders took a boat from this port, to see a bird with the same name (9)
- 29 Genus of bird in 25 down (7)
- 30 Elusive, hard to see (8)
- 33 Fernowl of the desert (6)
- 34 Old name for the Meadow Pipit (7)
- 35 Location of the second British Spectacled Warbler (9)
- 36 Malleefowl genus (6)
- 40 Body-shaming by ringers (3,5)
- 42 Gugh route (3)
- 43 Disgusting warbler (4)
- 46 Scottish nature reserve, famous for Choughs (2)
- 52 Buzzard, ancient Roman who predicted the future often by the flight of birds (5)
- 53 South American bird, looks like a muppet version of a Nightjar (5)
- 54 Oologist's field (4)
- 55 Colour of a Kinglet's crown (4)
- 56 Not really this, if these birds do not also carry guns (4)
- 57 Class bird (4)
- 58 Golden Eagle terrain (4)
- 59 A flight of Snipe (4)
- 60 Bunting, provided the primary fringes aren't even slightly yellow! (4)
- 64 Each one probably has a Yellow-billed Chough sat atop (3)