

WANDERING IN THE JUNGLE - TERI (with Stealing Eggs) / HERE WE ARE (with Playing Ball)

Clue explanations are given below. In red squares shown in the grid, letters from overlong answers contribute to anagrams of names of birds. Note that the 14 x 14 grid is the same size as the Stealing Eggs grid. Each of the red "bird" squares indicates the position of one nest within each region of the Stealing Eggs puzzle. Once that puzzle is completed, the locations of the other nests (shown in green below) may be read to see the clue ACTRESS HATCHER (get it?) for the answer TERI.

The Playing Ball puzzle yields the clue phrase LETTERS AFTER BALLS IN THE CRYPTIC CLUES. If you consider the letter O as a ball (as it is in clue 35A) the letters appearing after each instance of O in the cryptic clues (ACROSS and DOWN included) spell SOLUTION IS HERE WE ARE (note that O does not appear in the title or flavor text of this puzzle and is unfollowed in the "It Takes Two" blurb; "Page 1 of 2" has been omitted from this page).

A	V	O	I	D	E	D	S	O	C	T	A	D	S
C	O	U	P	E	1	I	T	C	H	I	L	2	L
I	P	T	L	F	L	M	3	R	I	G	A	C	A
D	E	B	U	R	R	W	A	T	C	H	T	O	4
I	R	U	M	O	U	I	U	5	A	T	E	D	K
C	6	R	S	7	S	T	R	A	G	I	S	E	E
M	I	S	U	S	E	S	S	G	O	S	B	P	S
O	C	T	N	S	S	L	C	8	S	H	O	O	T
L	9	I	A	N	E	O	P	E	T	B	A	L	E
I	A	T	M	O	S	T	H	P	I	R	T	10	L
E	L	A	B	11	A	T	E	E	12	A	S	I	A
R	O	C	I	O	N	E	L	R	E	V	H	S	P
E	M	I	T	N	A	R	13	S	R	O	O	T	S
W	A	T	14	E	R	Y	S	T	Y	R	E	N	E

1	[SN]ITCH	[WA]LRUSES	SWAN
2	IL[LEGA]L	R[E]CODE	EAGLE
3	[O]RIG	ST[EGOS]AURS	GOOSE
4	WATCHTO[WER]	LO[N]GEST	WREN
5	U[NTRE]ATED	-	TERN
6	C[ONCU]RS	OPER[AT]IC	TOUCAN
7	[DU]STRAG	DERRI[CK]S	DUCK
8	C[RAP]SHOOT	G[ATEKE]EPERS	PARAKEET
9	L[OG]IA	[PINE]ALOMA	PIGEON
10	-	POL[TERGE]IST	EGRET
11	ELAB[OR]ATE	SNO[WC]ONE	CROW
12	E[UTHAN]ASIA	STI[TCH]ERY	NUTHATCH
13	NAR[RATOR]S	PHEL[P]S	PARROT
14	WAT[TMET]ERS	UNAMBIT[IOUS]	TITMOUSE

Clue Notes

(* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone)

Across 1. AV[O]IID + ED 6. [-d]OC + TADS 11. COUP[-I]E 14. S[-ubhuma]N + ITCH 15. pILL EG ALtered 17. GIRO reversed 18. DE[RUB rev.]R 19. WATCH + TOWER 20. NATURE* + TED 21. CON[CUR]S 22. bragGART SUDdenly rev. 23. flt ScEnE 24. M[IS]USES 31. C[SHARP*]OOT 33. LOG[I]A[-n] 35. NE[O + P]ET 37. double definition 39. MATTS* holding O 41. ARE ABLE TO* 42. AUNTIE HAS A* 43. I + ONE 44. TIME rev. 45. TORN ARRAS* 46. "routes" 47. WET MATTER* 48. twiSTY RENEwable

Down 1. AC[I]D[I]C 2. TUTUS BRO* 3. DEF + ROCKS 4. D + IM WIT[-h] 5. US STAR* holding EGOS 7. CHIC + AGO 8. TIGH + TISH 9. A + LATE 10. DEC + ODE 12. TO A PRICE* 13. SLUMP* 14. LAW rev. + RUSES 16. ANKLETS* 24. MO[LIE]RE 25. MINIBUS AUTO* 26. GEEKS REPEAT* 27. "stoat boo" spoonerism 28. TRIPLET GOES* 29. S[NOW]CONE 30. L + OTTERY 32. CHEST I TRY* 34. LAPINE* + OMA[-r] 36. P + HELPS 37. BRA + V + O 38. ASLEEP* 40. TAC[I]T