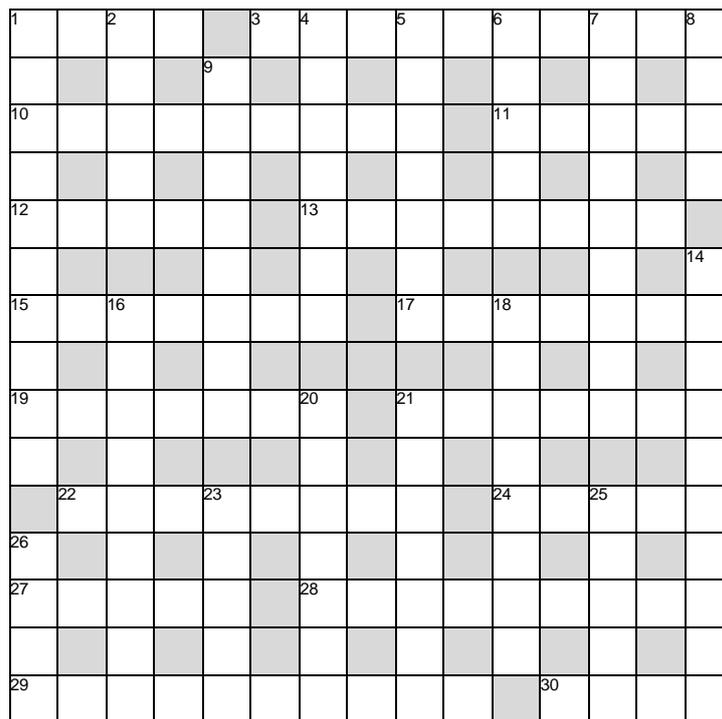


Darwinian Cryptic Crossword No. 1



All clues and/or solutions contain a reference to matters Darwinian and/or the natural world—but you don't need to be a complete Darwin nut to complete the puzzle. Spellings are in UK English.

Across

1. "Endless generosity? No, it's selfish!" said Dawkins. (4)
3. Indigenous plant book written by Darwin in a disorganised laboratory. (10)
10. Is that what the palaeontologist did: vexed a cat? (9)
11. Hotel Brassica. (5)
12. Nosey Prof. Gray is in the Netherlands. (5)
13. Science surrounding bird backs what Darwin thought might disperse seeds. (8)
15. Friend backs 50% winner: "Great Plover". (7)
17. Abstemious lions make cheese. (7)
19. See, germ evolution results! (7)
21. Pigeon variety turns into cart. (7)
22. Creation's theories. (8)
24. Dinosaur casually swallows city! Don't panic! (5)
27. Collections of species in oceanography laboratories. (5)
28. Sea otter sometimes does this for lunch as cabaret plays. (4,1,4)
29. "There's nothing in Springsteen's album!" (Darwin was always giving vent to his thoughts in this way.) (10)
30. Look out! There might be bears here! (4)

Down

1. Insects' feelings are without a consequence. (10)
2. Pets? Invertebrates don't have them! (5)
4. Arm homologue and the double is in the bag. (3,4)
5. Ledgers are not in order: they're what distinguish *Tringa totanus*. (3,4)
6. Navel-contemplating scientist to head off at 157½°. (5)
7. One of Fitzroy's roles aboard *HMS Beagle*: raving to a jig? (9)
8. Ballads set down in Wallace's *The Malaysian Archipelago*. (4)
9. Given endless love, diversifying can lead to transmutating. (8)
14. 50-pound ibex in France evolves, but cannot adapt. (10)
16. The expression of a genetic/environmental trait is problematical initially: the man only writes by hand (in primitive English). (9)
18. Interminably ill marmot is in a bad condition, but won't die. (8)
20. Classically wise, this man's no Neanderthal. (7)
21. The hen's general approach to incubation is what 23D is for. (2,3,2)
23. A tea-lady holds one, and so did Prof. Owen. (5)
25. Popular variety of apple contains a grub. (5)
26. Fish takes out redstart: a fight ensues. (4)