

Each clue is a short word like con, or blurb. The grid, once filled in, is full of lots of 2-clue segments that spell out a bird's name, but with 1 letter different like BLURB + IRD = BLUEBIRD. If you take the correct letters in each spot in the grid where a letter is swapped, they spell out EXTANT HEAVIEST BIRD, which is OSTRICH.

List of answers in top left-bottom right order:

Pig, Ion, Zen, Alba, Cross, Mouse

Ma, Cow, Ops, Ra, Vet, Bit

Oer, Blurb, Ird, Joy, Ure, Cult

On, Gull, Oreo, Blue, Wood, Packer

Can, Tea, Le, Par, Rob, Foo

Pelt, Row, Spat, Con, For, By

Birds: Pigeon, Xenops, Albatross, Macaw, Raven, Titmouse, Heron, Bluebird, Blue Jay, Vulture, Oriole, Sea Gull, Woodpecker, Pelican, Parrot, Booby, Sparrow, Condor