

## Solution to Puzzle #196 — September, 2017 "Early Bird"

S	T	P	L	E	S	A	L	I	E	N
C	E	R	O	D	E	N	T	A	I	S
E	P	E	C	U	L	I	A	R	A	T
T	A	C	K	M	I	N	E	E	G	R
E	T	L	E	A	D	E	R	C	O	E
R	E	U	R	V	O	G	E	L	S	W
O	R	D	W	I	T	E	L	I	T	E
P	O	T	A	T	O	N	I	N	A	P
E	R	O	R	A	T	E	T	E	T	E
R	A	M	B	L	E	R	A	P	I	C
A	L	B	L	O	C	A	R	R	O	T

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell  
**ARCHAEOPTERYX**

**Across**

1. ST(A)PLE
2. SALIENCE
3. RODENT
4. (R)AISE
5. PECULIAR
6. ATTACK
7. MIN(C)E
8. EGRET
9. LEADER
10. CO(H)ERE
11. URVOGEL#
12. SWORD
13. W(A)IT
14. ELITE
15. POTATO
16. NINA\*
17. PERORATE
18. T(E)ETER
19. AMBLER
20. APICAL
21. B(O)LO
22. CARROT

**Down**

1. SCE(P)TER
2. OPERATE
3. PA(T)TER
4. ORAL
5. PRECLUD(E)
6. TOMB
7. LOCKER
8. WARBLE
9. DUMA\*
10. VITA
11. LOSE
12. LIDO\*
13. TOTE
14. CANINE
15. GENERAL
16. TA(R)E
17. RELIT
18. ARIA
19. RECLINE
20. PRE(Y)
21. IAGO\*
22. STATION
23. STREW
24. E(X)PECT

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 20 minutes.

## September Puzzle Solvers

(The first ten are listed in the order their solutions were received, the others alphabetically.)

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