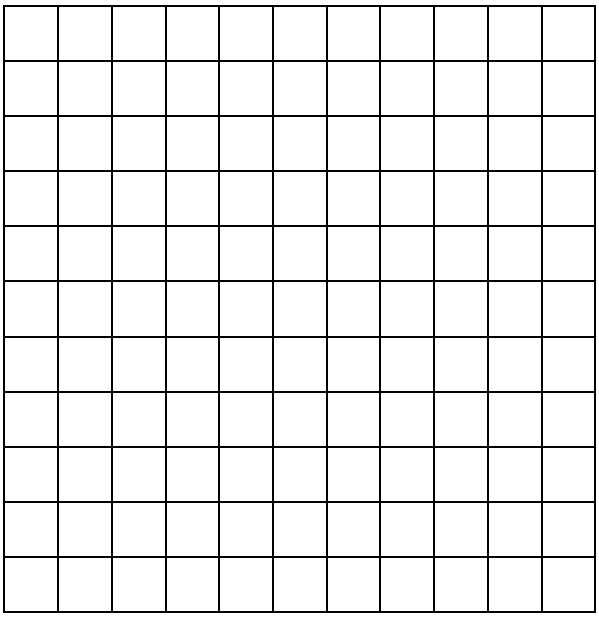
Puzzle # 206 — August 2018 "Naturalist"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten letters and six are capitalized) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twelve letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a word related to the mystery entries and the title of the puzzle. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. One day wandering around Newton is relaxing
3. Bone turns me off
4. Devastation is in part immense
5. Actual money
6. Terminate confusion about overtime for doll
7. Swill and cider for elimination
8. Histrionics involving divorced Hindu deity
9. Parks right outside of odious area
10. Priestess has substituted acid for hydrogen gas
11. *Mystery entry*
12. More or less a contest
13. Red rat upset dealer
14. Eddy starts to surge while in rapid lift
15. Nasty, cruel, singular sores
16. Nitrogen retained in cracked test tube
17. Bouchard and Hackman taking in Italian beginner
18. Harry loses head for web-footed mammal
19. Priestess's lover sacrifices nephew to become head honcho
20. Belief about air temperature brought to life
21. Certain aspect of measurement
22. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Plead for wild avocet after a bad ending
2. Inappropriately and roundly beaten, without right or love, after starting up
3. Show scorn and endlessly resent when upset
4. Calcium oxide fruit
5. Let Harry tender
6. Bracero trapping snake
7. Ace has no pressure to bring to bear
8. Steiger and Wilson in roundup
9. I will get out of carriage to hunt
10. English birds in roof overhang
11. Idler mixing nut tar
12. Wear more covering protection
13. Vapor doesn't have a base
14. Daniel resurrected an ancient islander
15. Hook southern duck
16. Lumberman encloses a raised bank
17. Crazy Warren exchanges penny for new storage compartment
18. Rent trouble gives rise to a storm
19. Poor Belinda loses a blanket stick
20. Actress Dern's Latin air
21. Stored, arranged, and classified
22. Give about 1001 for control
23. Smallest slate is damaged