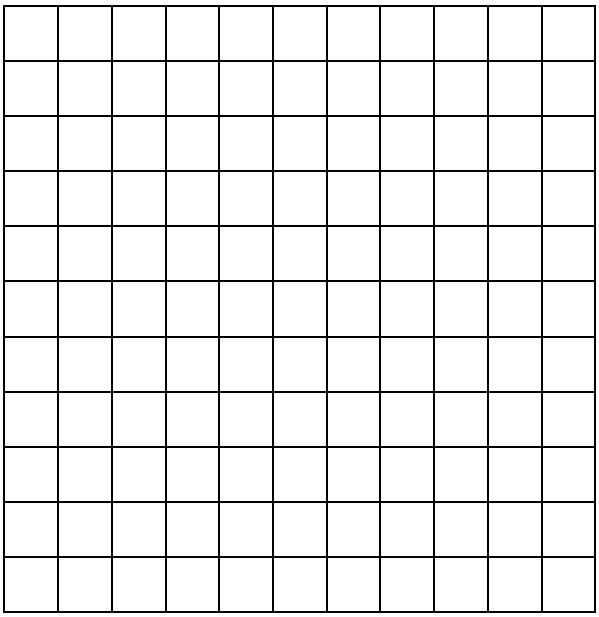
Puzzle #181 — June 2016 "Naturalist"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten letters, six are capitalized, and one is foreign) 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 omitted. Those twelve letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a word related to the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Mad, mad Lon is a nut
3. Dealer returned paintings by the German
4. Collection, record book, or anything comparable
5. Palsied, emaciated, internally swelling
6. Plunder of sun god tree
7. Phosphorus ignited rye in a burning heap
8. Grimy soot coats rubber trunk
9. Mysterious red eaglet might be consigned to another category
10. Study in accordance with function
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Clamoring about love in Madrid
13. Charm of a hybrid tiger's head
14. A track alert
15. Martinet carrying a pointed spike
16. Initially lighthearted atmosphere in a 1944 film noir
17. Turn around holding vise and crowbar
18. Pleasant northern chill
19. The Aeta, for instance, get iron in fragments
20. Son has broken frame
21. Late father embraces end of life
22. Taste and touch without pressure
23. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Better woven material keeps earth out
2. Saturday: bird seen in tavern
3. Thought of spirits in a spread
4. Turns right for thousands of dollars
5. Union inappropriately nixes serving both men and women
6. Part of a loom or a place of worship
7. Extract fifty apiece
8. Courageous author
9. Left rib stretched and evened
10. Experience rough ground around east
11. Buried in grit and emery, one after the other
12. Meander freely and endlessly lower
13. A cesarean section
14. Bawl out waving beater
15. Informed of a war with England
16. The explorer girl's 500 mouths
17. Street doesn't have one bar
18. Country mail goes astray
19. Design a rabbi's flat
20. A bonnet that's all right in Peru
21. Little boy hiding in stadium
22. Come to an end of large, vaulted recess
23. Lover turned back before time to mutiny