

Solution to Puzzle #208 – October, 2018 "Early Bird"

D	I	N	O	S	A	U	R	R	E	L
I	T	Y	N	U	M	B	T	E	A	C
L	E	C	O	M	P	I	L	E	S	H
O	R	E	P	R	O	V	E	D	T	A
M	A	L	E	R	O	A	S	T	S	P
A	T	E	T	A	U	N	T	R	O	S
T	E	R	A	S	P	I	R	E	F	E
R	R	Y	R	H	O	N	I	M	A	T
E	S	A	M	E	N	O	V	O	L	A
S	T	P	A	S	S	H	E	R	O	N
P	O	R	C	H	T	U	G	B	A	T

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

Across

1. **DINOSAUR**
2. RE(A)LITY
3. NUMB
4. T(R)EACLE
5. COMPILES
6. (C)HORE
7. PROVED
8. TAMALE
9. ROAST
10. SPAT(H)E
11. TAUNT
12. ROSTER
13. ASPIRE
14. FERRY
15. RHO
16. (A)NIMATE
17. SAME
18. NOVO
19. L(E)AST
20. PASS
21. HERON
22. PORCH
23. TUGB(O)AT

Down

1. DI(P)LOMAT
2. RESPITE
3. RATER
4. STONY
5. CELERY
6. APRON
7. (T)OPE
8. TARMAC
9. SUM(E)R
10. RASHE(R)
11. SHAMPOO
12. UPON
13. STUB
14. IVA
15. NINO
16. HURTLE
17. STRIVE
18. GREED
19. TREMOR
20. BEAST
21. SOFA
22. LO(Y)AL
23. CHAP
24. SE(X)TANT

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 17 minutes.