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Theme – Cryptids

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CRYPTIC CLUES FOR CRYPTIDS CROSSWORD!

ACROSS:

1. Take out centre of trousers for country [2]
4. Spanish Eldorado has information that is retained [4]
9. Change purse for pension plan [5]
12. A pocket for phosphorous (with a cry of pain) [5]
13. To feel without note is fishy [3]
14. Parasites, less 50 are frozen [3]
15. Monthly return for vegetable [3]
17. Illegal occupation in mixed up cash for this creature [9]
18. Put King into low value piece? Don't come the raw [5]
19. Try everything to contain grass [3]
21. Calcium and phosphorous combine to provide covering [3]
22. A bread roll with twitch: Pommy term for Aussie aristocracy [6]
24. Religious instruction on Overland Telegraph makes a blue [4]
25. Will stir soup for work [4]
26. This suits snipers [5]
27. See 40 Across
28. Take Kelly back for study [3]
29. Political party for the high ground [3]
32. Has significant vertical elevation. It sounds like a greeting [4]
35. Upset coin run to place it on Coat of Arms [7]
37. Forward Observer and Chief Instructor; it all comes together [4]
38. Broken cane gives skin disease [4]
40. and 27 Across Cause ursine downfall (Two Words: [4], [4])
41. Direction steam ship that is to find her [6]
42. Fireplace shelf with binary digit found in Middle Earth [6]
43. William lacking a direction for writing [3]

DOWN:

1. Circuit breaker without starter - for employment [3]
2. Property of Susan lacks possessive case, leads to legal action [4]
3. British Corps in intelligence assessment in Mesopotamia [4]
5. Extended play on intercom - a long story [4]
6. and 36 Down and 16 Down: Scoreless month disturbed Scottish myth (Three words, [4], [4], [7])
7. Sounds like morning moisture should be here [3]
8. Line yacht disrupted: missing from Tasmania [9]
10. Salty pup can be monotremic [8]
11. Watch out when it wakes (Wyndham) [6]
16. See 6 Down

19. Even taken aback for a knock [3]
20. Phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil [5]
21. Loch Catena contains ancient fish [10]
23. Soup on menu has preposition [4]
26. Creature into dye tie is a bit strange. They are usually naked [4]
27. Over-dimensional imperial unit for limb extremity [7]
30. Spun around word plays [4]
31. A bloke in women's clothes, not off, makes a fearsome sight [6]
33. Leaves a bitter taste [3]
34. Hen did move cryptically to get out of sight [6]
36. See 6 Down
39. Politically corrected ad [2]
40. Beginner, with time, can give amount payable [4]

"STANDARD" CLUES

ACROSS:

1. We [2]
4. Kept in custody, possession or storage [4]
9. Prefix: Beyond a standard or norm; exceeding [5]
12. Marsupium [5]
13. Conger and electric, for example [3]
14. H₂O in the solid state [3]
15. Starchy tuber [3]
17. Large hairy humanoid said to live in North American wilderness [9]
18. Edible crustacean [5]
19. Cereal [3]
21. Close-fitting peaked head covering [3]
22. Australian cryptid said to inhabit swamps and lagoons [6]
24. Mob affray, rampage [4]
25. Article of artistic or intellectual work [4]
26. Australian hominid cryptid [5]
27. See 40 Across
28. Lair [3]
29. High mountain [3]
32. Elevated [4]
35. Fabled quadruped symbolic of virginity [7]
37. Points of concentration [4]
38. Common form of dermatitis [4]
40. and 27 Across: Fictitious vicious tree dwelling Australian marsupial resembling an oversized koala (Two Words: [4], [4])

41. Pet name for 6 Down [6]
42. Popular fiction: creature that resembles a very short human with hairy feet [6]
43. Writing implement [3]

DOWN:

1. Employ [3]
2. Litigates [4]
3. Country [4]
5. It's a long story [4]
6. and 36 Down and 16 Down: Scottish cryptid often said to be a plesiosaur (Three words, [4], [4], [7])
7. Imminently expected [3]
8. So-called Tasmanian Tiger [9]
10. An early specimen of this Australian icon was thought by the Royal Society to be a hoax [8]
11. Giant squid-like cryptid [6]
16. See 6 Down
19. Knock, as on a door [3]
20. Tantanoola's celebrity cryptid [5]
21. Fossil fish found to be not extinct [10]
23. Preposition of position [4]
26. "Abominable" Asian hominid cryptid [4]
27. Alternative name for 17 Across [7]
30. Plays on words [4]
31. Ubiquitous Chinese mythical animal [6]
33. Precedes Step and Jump [3]
34. The meaning of the word "cryptic" [6]
36. See 6 Down
39. In some usage, historical period of two thousand plus years leading to present. [2]
40. That which is owed [4]

SOLUTION

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