Crossword
A brain teaser full of ecological clues

Across
7 Charles Messier numbered this sort of heavenly phenomenon. (6)
8 River home to fearsome women. (6)
9 ---- Granth Sahib, the Sikhs’ holy book. (4)
10 Cistercian abbey in the N Yorkshire moors. (8)
11 Sport recently popularised by Wiggins and Cavendish. (7)
13 There are usually 78 cards in this pack. (5)
15 René Descartes got his greatest philosophical inspiration sitting in one. (5)
17 This South American country has a plan of ‘Buen Vivir’ to protect its biodiversity. (7)
20 A restriction based on how old you are. (3,5)
21 It prompts a scratch reflex. (4)
22 Plant that gives us saffron. (6)
23 Nom de guerre of eco-warrior Daniel Hooper. (6)

Down
1 Such as a butterfly from Camberwell. (6)
2 African bishop in a ballet costume? (4)
3 This hurricane devastated New Orleans. (7)
4 Traditionally in Europe dowsing twigs are made of this wood. (5)
5 ‘Great king’ in Hindi. (8)
6 Brazilian author of The Alchemist and many others. (6)
12 He originated the Gaia theory. (8)
14 High state of rapture, from Greek ‘standing outside oneself’. (7)

16 “The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough” Rabindranath ------ (6)
18 Modern protest movement against social and economic inequality. (6)
19 Jakob Ammann founded this Anabaptist movement now established in Pennsylvania. (5)
21 Tye-dyeing technique from Indonesia. (4)