

Creature Group Names



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Antelope: a herd	Cats: a clowder, glaring, pounce, nuisance or clutter;	Deer: a herd
Ants: a colony or an army	Kittens: a litter or kindle;	Dogs: a pack or cowardice; Puppies: a litter
Apes: a shrewdness	Wild cats: a destruction	
Baboons: a troop	Cattle: a herd or drove	Dolphins: a pod
Badgers: a cete	Cheetahs: a coalition	Donkeys: a drove
Bass: a shoal	Chickens: a brood or peep; Chicks: a clutch or chattering	Doves: a dule
Bats: a colony, cloud or cauldron	Clams: a bed	Ducks: a brace, paddling or team
Bears: a sloth or sleuth; Cubs: a litter	Cobras: a quiver	Eagles: a convocation
Beavers: a colony	Colts: a rag	Elephants: a herd or parade
Bees: a swarm	Cows: a kine, drove, herd or fold; twelve or more cows are a flink	Elk: a gang or herd
Boar: a sounder	Coyotes: a band	Emus: a mob
Buffalo: a gang or obstinacy	Cranes: a sedge	Falcons: a cast
Camels: a caravan	Crocodiles: a float or bask	Ferrets: a business
Caterpillars: an army	Crows: a murder	Finches: a charm
		Fish: a school, shoal, run, haul or catch

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Flamingos: a stand or flamboyance

Hippopotami: a bloat or thunder

Magpies: a tiding or tittering

Flies: a swarm, hatch or business

Hogs: a drift or parcel

Mallards: a sord

Foxes: a skulk or leash

Horses: a team or harras

Manatees: an aggregation

Frogs: an army or a colony

Hounds: a pack, mute or cry

Mares: a stud

Geese: a gaggle or flock, a skein when in flight

Hyenas: a cackle

Martens: a richness

Giraffes: a tower

Jaguars: a shadow

Minnows: a steam

Gnats: a cloud or horde

Jellyfish: a smack or brood

Moles: a labor

Goats: a herd, tribe or trip

Kangaroos: a troop or mob

Monkeys: a barrel, cartload or troop

Goldfinches: a charm

Larks: an ascension or exaltation

Mules: a pack, barren or span

Goldfish: a troubling

Lemurs: a conspiracy

Nightingales: a watch

Gorillas: a band

Leopards: a leap

Otters: a family, romp or raft

Grasshoppers: a cloud

Lice: a flock

Owls: a parliament

Greyhounds: a leach

Lions: a pride

Oxen: a team or yoke

Hares: a down or husk

Locust: a plague or cloud

Oysters: a bed

Hawks: a cast or kettle

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Parrots: a pandemonium
or company

Partridges: a covey

Peacocks: a muster or
ostentation

Penguins: a colony

Pheasants: a nest, nide or
bouquet

Pigeons: a flock or flights

Pigs: a drift or drove
(younger pigs), or a
sunder, litter or team
(older pigs)

Ponies: a string

Porcupines: a prickle

Rabbits: a colony or
warren

Raccoons: a gaze

Rats: a colony, pack,
swarm or mischief

Rattlesnakes: a rhumba

Ravens: an unkindness

Rhinoceroses: a crash

Sharks: a shiver

Sheep: a drove or flock

Skunks: a stench

Snakes: a nest or knot

Sparrows: a host

Squirrels: a dray or scurry

Starlings: a murmuration

Stingrays: a fever

Storks: a mustering

Swans: a bevy or
lamentation, a wedge
when in flight

Tigers: an ambush or a
streak

Toads: a knot or knob

Trout: a hover

Turkeys: a gang, posse or
rafter

Turtles: a bale or nest

Vultures: a venue

Wasps: a pledge

Weasels: a colony, gang
or pack

Whales: a pod, school or
gam

Wolves: a pack or route

Wombats: a wisdom

Woodpeckers: a descent

Zebras: a zeal