

A Catch of Collective Nouns

There are many collective nouns in the English language that describe a group or unit of things.

herd of	colony of	pod of	school of	shoal of	pack of	team of	swarm of
whales	gulls	whales	whales	krill	foxes	oxen	ants
elephants	beavers	fish	fish	fish	polar bears	ducks	bees
seals	seals	seals	seals	trout	hounds	seals	wasps
wolves	gulls	porpoises	porpoises	anchovies	wolves	cattle	butterflies
buffalo	frogs	dolphins	salmon	salmon	mules	horses	rats
walruses	penguins	walruses	sharks	sardines	dogs	donkeys	eels

The following is a chart of the collective nouns that describe groups of various types.

army	array	audience	band	bevy	board
bunch	cabinet	cast	choir	chorus	class
cloud	committee	company	congregation	council	crowd
department	faculty	family	firm	gang	group
jury	majority	minority	navy	party	plethora
public	school	senate	society	staff	troupe

Common collective animal nouns

brood	colony	clutch	drove	flight	team
flock	gaggle	herd	hive	litter	tribe
nest	pack	plague	pride	skein	troop