Introduction

Nouns of Assemblage from long custom and technical usage have ascribed certain words to assemblages of animals, things, or persons.

Some of the principal Nouns of Assemblage include:

Animals, birds, etc.

- antelopes: a herd
- asses: a pace, or herd
- badgers: a cete
- bears: a sleuth
- bees: a swarm, a grist
- birds: a flock, flight, congregation, volery
- bitterns: a sedge, or siege
- boars: a sounder
- bucks: a brace, or leash
- buffaloes: a herd
- cattle: a drove, or herd
- chickens: a brood
- choughs: a chattering
- coots: a covert
- cranes: a herd sedge, or siege
- cubs: a litter
- curlwells’ a herd
- deer: a herd
- ducks: (in flight) a team
- elk: a gang
- ferrets: a fesnyng
- fishes: a shoal, draught, haul, run, or catch
- flies: a swarm
- foxes: a skulk
- geese: (in flight) a skein; (on the ground) a gaggle
- gnats: a swarm, or cloud
- goats a herd, or tribe
- goldfinches: a charm

- grouse: (a single brood) a covey; (several broods) a pack
- hares: a down, or husk
- hawks: a cast
- hens: a brood
- herons: a sedge, or siege
- herrings: a shoal
- hounds: a pack, or mute
- kangaroos: a troop
- kine: a drove
- kittens: a kindle
- larks: an exaltation
- leopards: a leap
- lions: a pride
- mares: a stud
- monkeys: a troop
- nightingales: a watch
- oxen: a yoke, drove, team, or herd
- partridges: a covey
- peacocks: a muster
- pheasants: a nye, or nide
- pigeons: a flock, or flight
- pilchards: a shoal
- plovers: a wing, or congregation
- porpoises: a school
- pugs: a litter
- quails: a bevy
- rooks: a building, or clamour
- seals: a herd, or pod
- sheep: a flock
- swans: a herd, or bevy
- swifts: a flock
- swine: a sounder, or drift
whales: a school, gam, or pod
wolves: a pack, rout, or herd
woodcock: a fall

Things

aeroplanes: a flight, squadron
arrows: a sheaf
bells: a peal
boats: a flotilla
bowls: a set
bread: a batch
cards: a pack, a deck (Am)
cars: a fleet
eggs: a clutch
flowers: a bouquet, or nosegay
golf-clubs: a set
grapes: a cluster, or bunch
guns: (sporting) a pair
onions: a rope
pearls: a rope, or string
rags: a bundle
sails: an outfit
ships: a fleet, or squadron
stars: a cluster, or constellation
steps: a flight
trees: a clump

Persons

actors: a company, cast, or troupe
angels: a host
baseball team: a nine
beaters: a squad
bishops: a bench
cricket team: an eleven
dancers: a troupe
football: (Association) an eleven; (Rugby) a fifteen
girls: a bevy
labourers: a gang
lacrosse team: a twelve
magistrates: a bench
minstrels: a troupe
musicians a band, an orchestra
players: a side, or team
police: a posse
polo team: a four
rowing: an eight, a four, a pair
runners: a field
sailors: a crew
savages: a horde
servants: a staff
slaves: a gang
worshippers: a congregation

End

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