

NOUNS
OF
ASSEMBLAGE

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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
curlews: 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
pups: 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

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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

End

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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

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