

# A Compendium Of Collective Nouns From An Armory Of Aardvarks To A Zeal Of Zebras

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A Babble of Words - Adam Oehlers 2008

An army of aardvarks, a formality of penguins, a huddle of hippos, a mask of raccoons! Come on an adventure of collective nouns with Adam Oehlers and his mysterious little friend. Can you see him hiding within each page? However will you find him within a knot of frogs and that jam of cars! This beautiful book will be a family favourite for generations to come with its lively illustrations by talented newcomer Adam Oehlers. Educational, fun and fantastical, A Babble of Words will have your tongue tied and your imagination running wild.

**Merry-go-round** - 1992

Rhyming text and illustrations present explanations of the various types of nouns and rules for their usage.

**A Dazzle of Flamboyance** - Wendy Hayden 2020-06-13

Did you know that a group of Pandas is called an Embarrassment? Aren't you glad that you know it now? From the silly to the absurd (A Stench of Skunks? Really?) but always educational. A Dazzle of Flamboyance

is a fun way to learn the collective nouns used to name groups of animals. Fun for fans of animals. Bright, colorful illustrations with cute animals. Super silly but also educational.

A Charm of Goldfinches and Other Wild Gatherings - Matt Sewell 2017-09-05

"Most groups of wildlife can be described as a flock, herd, or shoal—but where is the fun in ending there?" — from the Introduction Whether you're an animal lover or a grammar geek, illustrator Matt Sewell has the perfect menagerie of beasts (and beast-related terms) for your reading pleasure. Along with fifty-five gorgeous color illustrations, Sewell presents the unexpected collective nouns used to describe groups of animals on land, in the air, and in the water. Discover the secret behind a "sleuth of bears," keep your eyes open for a "watch of nightingales," and learn something new about a "school of whales." Illustrated in inimitable watercolor, this book makes a great gift for nature and art lovers everywhere.

**A Compendium of Collective Nouns Volume Two** - Jennifer Skelly 2014-10-17

A Skulk of Foxes and Other Animal Collective Nouns - Andy Duncan 2011

A book of animal collective nouns, with clever, illustrative puns to reinforce each collective term. Also included are the names for animal families - father, mother and baby animals. This sturdy, cased-in board book introduces collective nouns to children in an interesting and memorable way.

**A Rattle of Bones** - Kipling West 1999

An assortment of collective nouns are revealed as some children go out on Halloween night.

A Conspiracy of Ravens - Samuel Fanous 2014

A Conspiracy of Ravens presents readers with a compendium of collective bird nouns from the distant and not-so-distant past. This book collects more than one hundred of the best and most imaginative expressions and illustrates them with charming woodcuts by the eighteenth-century artist and naturalist Thomas Bewick.

**A Compendium of Collective Nouns** - Woop Studios 2013-09-17

This illustrated guide compiles over 2,000 collective nouns and brings them to life in stunningly colorful, graphic artwork from the design dynamos at Woop Studios. Chock-full of treasures of the English language, the diversity of terms collected here covers topics from plants and animals (a parade of elephants, an embarrassment of pandas) to people and things (a pomposity of professors, an exultation of fireworks) and range from the familiar (a pride of lions) to the downright obscure (an ooze of amoebas). Pronunciations, definitions, etymologies, and historical anecdotes make this beautiful book an entertaining read, a standout reference, and a visual treat. Language lovers and art appreciators alike will be captivated by this gem, rich in word and image.

**A Zeal of Zebras** - Woop Studios 2012-06-22

An embarrassment of pandas, a galaxy of starfish, a

shiver of sharks...these are all collective nouns used to describe their groups. Woop Studios, acclaimed for their work on the Harry Potter movies, has illustrated these quirky phrases, creating a series of extraordinarily beautiful art that has been collected here for the first time. The colorful introduction to animals and the alphabet is accessible for young children, while the gorgeous, whimsical art and clever wordplay make it perfect for design-savvy parents and inspired gift givers. Longer than the standard picture book, with high design and production values, this is a volume readers will want on their coffee tables in addition to their child's bookshelf.

**Kites Sail High** - Ruth Heller 1998-02-23

Perfect for introductory grammar lessons! What is a verb? Explore language and discover how to identify verbs and their many forms from the imperative mood to active vs. passive voice to verb phrases. "Heller's... concept book explicates and celebrates verbs of all kinds, in ebullient verses which themselves sail and soar." -Publishers Weekly "Graphic play and world play make this an ingenious lesson that no classroom grammarian should miss." -The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books "Children will find it a painless and concise grammar lesson as well as a visual treat... A boon for language arts teachers as well as for all children and adults who love to play with language." -School Library Journal About the Explore! series: Dedicated to helping children learn a variety of nonfiction subjects, the Explore series uses pitch-perfect rhyming text and brilliantly illustrated images to make learning fun.

A Troop of Kangaroos - Lisa Mundorff 2021-09-14

A party of jays, a parade of elephants, a stench of skunks, and so many more make up this delightfully funny and informative picture book about animal group names! Packed with vibrant art, young readers will not only learn what we call certain groups of animals, but it will tickle them with literal images. That party of jays? Those birds have party hats and streamers galore! A Troop of Kangaroos is early nonfiction that will

entertain and teach.

A Gaggle of Geese - Philippa-Alys Browne 1995

**A Dignity of Dragons** - Jacqueline K. Ogburn 2010

From "a flurry of yetis" to "a splash of mermaids," this book is a clever twist on the well-loved bestiary.

*Merry-go-round* - Ruth Heller 1998

Rhyming text and illustrations present explanations of the various types of nouns and rules for their usage

**An Exaltation of Larks** - James Lipton 1991

A collection of "terms of venery," collective nouns. The origin of some of the terms is explained, and more than 250 of the terms are illustrated with engravings by Dürer and Grandville and others.

*A Murmuration of Starlings* - Steve Palin 2013-09

A flock of birds, even a skein of geese perhaps -- but a cete of badgers, or a grist of bees? The collective nouns of animals and birds have long inspired and intrigued us. Many have their roots in medieval times, in particular applied to those creatures hunted by man, and subject to the etiquette of their proper group names. Author Steve Palin has beautifully illustrated and given the background to about fifty different animals and birds with interesting collective nouns -- and listed 420 of them in his glossary. This elegant little book will appeal to all those with a fascination for the English language, those who want the answers for quizzes and crossword puzzles, and those with an interest in animals and birds.

**A Dictionary of Collective Nouns and Group Terms** - Ivan George Sparkes 1975

**101 Collective Nouns** - Jennifer Cossins 2019-03-12

A beautifully illustrated picture book featuring 101 full-colour animal illustrations, each with its very own collective noun - from the 2017 CBCA shortlisted author/illustrator of A-Z of Endangered Animals. A tribe of kiwis? A smack of jellyfish? A wisdom of wombats? Come along an illustrated journey through the animal kingdom with Tasmanian artist Jennifer Cossins.

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**Children'S Dictionary Collective Nouns For Group Of Animals** - Susanna Kendle 2020-12-06

Whether it is a group of mammals, birds or even insects, there is a unique collective noun to identify the specific group, although some of these names are rarely used. Most people are likely to use the general term flock for a group of eagles, rather than the proper term convocation. Still, it's good to know the correct collective noun, even if it's just to wow your friends. This is a animal book which is: Fun for fans of animals. Bright, colorful illustrations with cute animals. Super silly but also educational.

**An Unkindness of Ravens** - Chloe Rhodes 2014-09-11

'A thoroughly entertaining and absorbing little publication, set out in an accessible and easy-to-read style' - The Bookbag Why are geese in a gaggle? Are crows really murderous? And what makes lions so proud? Collective nouns are one of the most charming oddities of the English language, often with seemingly bizarre connections to the groups they identify. But have you ever stopped to wonder where these peculiar terms actually came from? Most of those found in this book have their origins in the Medieval Books of Courtesy, among the earliest works to be published in this country. Despite originating as a form of social etiquette reserved for the gentry, many of these collective nouns have survived to become a curious feature of today's everyday language. This absorbing book tells the stories of these evocative phrases, many of which have stood the test of time and are still in use today. Entertaining, informative and fascinating, An Unkindness of Ravens is perfect for any history or language buff.

One Sheep, Two Sheep - Patricia Byers 2010

Introduces young readers to the collective nouns used to describe ten animals, in a counting book showcasing the

singular noun, plural, and collective for each animal.

**Pluralities** - Roger Schwarzschild 2013-04-17

Pluralities begins with a concise introduction to recent theories of the semantics of plurals. The author argues, contrary to many of those theories, that plural discourse involves entities corresponding to sets of individuals but nothing corresponding to higher order sets. In the course of the book, the reader will become acquainted with the linguistics data that lies at the heart of this debate including extensive discussion of reciprocals and of collectives (such as the committee). In addition, a unique account of distributivity is proposed in which collective/distributive ambiguities are analyzed in pragmatic terms. The account capitalizes on the idea that the universe may be partitioned differently at different points in a discourse. Pluralities should be accessible to those with an introductory level background in model-theoretic semantics.

**A Compendium of Collective Nouns** - Jennifer Skelly 2013

*A Crossing of Zebras* - Marjorie Maddox 2019-12-20

You've probably heard the phrase a school of fish. But what about a rumba of rattlesnakes, an army of ants, or a crash of rhinos? Derived from both oral and written traditions, collective nouns go back centuries. These terms not only charm us with their sound, but they provide a bit of insight into animal behavior. Readers can find these and other terms—from alley cats to zebras—in fourteen thought-provoking poems by Marjorie Maddox. She and artist Philip Huber create a wonderful combination of rich wordplay and captivating art that piques the imagination.

*A Menagerie of Animals* - Steve Palin 2000-01-01

**A Kaleidoscope of Butterflies & Other Such Collective Nouns** - Kate Hursthouse 2018-04-29

The vibrant, full colour illustrations by New Zealand artist Kate Hursthouse takes us on a journey to meet some of our world's fabulous, colourful creatures.

*A Circus of Puffins* - 2020-10

This is a puffin! It's wearing a leotard. Can you guess why? A group of puffins is called . . . A circus of puffins! Introduce the idea of collective nouns to young children with this fun lift-the-flap book. Open the flap to reveal a funny scene that illustrates weird and wonderful collective nouns for animals that swim!

*A Barrel of Monkeys* - Samuel Fanous 2015

We're all familiar with 'a flock of sheep' but what are the collective nouns for racehorses, pigs, zebras or giraffes? Drawing on a range of sources, from fifteenth-century hunting terms to more recent inventions that have now entered the language, this book collects over 100 examples of the most interesting collective nouns for animals, each illustrated with charming woodcuts by the renowned naturalist engraver of the eighteenth century, Thomas Bewick. Some describe a key characteristic of the animal in question: 'a shrewdness of apes', 'a busyness of ferrets'. Others are delightfully humorous: 'a piddle of puppies', 'a crash of rhinoceroses'. Featuring pets, farmyard animals, big cats and wild beasts, this beautifully presented book is the perfect gift for animal lovers and all those with an interest in this quirky linguistic tradition.

**A Filth of Starlings** - PatrickGeorge 2012

Birds.

*A Charm of Goldfinches and Other Collective Nouns* - Matt Sewell 2016-10-06

A charm of goldfinches, an ascension of larks, a school of dolphins, a cloud of bats, a murder of crows. All these and more are portrayed in this enchanting new book by much loved artist Matt Sewell, playing on the theme of collective nouns for animals. Illustrated with Matt's inimitable watercolours, and imbued with a love of his subjects that will resonate with people everywhere and of all ages, this book is a great gift for nature and art lovers. Accompanying each illustration is a playful, quirky description of each groups' personality that readers cannot help but smile at. Sewell's unique witty take on the subject, and delicately vivid illustrations

make for a lovely addition to his collection of pocketable books.

**The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation** - Lester Kaufman 2021-04-16

The bestselling workbook and grammar guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible quizzes, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to middle and high schoolers, college students, ESL students, homeschoolers, and more. This concise, entertaining workbook makes learning English grammar and usage simple and fun. This updated 12th edition reflects the latest updates to English usage and grammar, and includes answers to all reproducible quizzes to facilitate self-assessment and learning. Clear and concise, with easy-to-follow explanations, offering "just the facts" on English grammar, punctuation, and usage Fully updated to reflect the latest rules, along with even more quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from seventh grade through adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction.

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**A Tower of Giraffes** - Anna Wright 2015-11-03

A drove of pigs, a romp of otters, an ostentation of

peacocks, and a tower of giraffes. . . . This clever book introduces young readers to some of the words we use to refer to animals in a group. The ink, watercolor, and fabric collage art is brightly colored and uniquely sets this fun book apart from the crowd. Each page presents information about an animal and its group behavior, such as how geese fly in a V-shape and honk to encourage the leaders, and that sometimes tens of thousand of flamingos meet up in one location. Young readers will have a great time and create a wellspring of new vocabulary words.

**A Storytelling of Ravens** - Kyle Lukoff 2018-05-01

Kirkus Best Picture Books A sloth of bears, a smack of jellyfish, a nuisance of cats - these are some of the surprising and idiosyncratic names we have for groups of animals. Inspired by the evocative possibilities of collective nouns, also called "terms of venery," author Kyle Lukoff and illustrator Natalie Nelson have created a picture book full of clever wordplay and delightful illustrations. Each spread features a nugget of a story using a particular term, which is accompanied by a collage illustration that serves as the visual punch line. But where did these unusual names come from? Many of them can be traced back to a book on hunting, hawking and heraldry, printed in 1486 - the Book of St. Albans, which has been reproduced many times since. A Storytelling of Ravens provides a unique opportunity to explore and rejoice in the oddities of the English language.

A Cache of Jewels - Ruth Heller 1998-02-23

"Highly informative and lushly illustrated. An unbeatable combination for pleasure and learning."  
-Children's Book Review Service "The illustrations and the vocabulary will delight small eyes and ears."  
-School Library Journal Q&A - Ruth Heller - A Paperstar Profile Ruth Heller - Profile How did you become interested in writing books for children? I loved reading to my own children, and when they started school, I became the P.T.A. library chairman. I was the one who got to pick and choose and spend a nice fat

budget for the elementary school library. I feel as though I've been surrounded by children's books for years. I suppose this and my strong art background are what prompted my trying to write. What is the biggest influence in your style of writing, and how has it changed since you first began? Hillaire Belloc, Gilbert and Sullivan, Edward Lear? I grew up reading all of them. I love their rhythm, and I loved reading Dr. Seuss to my children. No question, these were my influences. I think I've become wordier, not quite as minimal and succinct as I used to be. What made you decide to write a series on the parts of speech? Take a peek at the back end paper of the hardcover edition of *A Cache of Jewels*. You'll see that I committed myself, in print, to writing a book for each part of speech. Here I am, ten years later, thankfully completing the very last book in this series. It will be published in 1998. Do you begin with the words or pictures when you are developing a book? How does the second part come together? The first step is to decide what I am going to say on each page. Then I can begin to visualize my illustrations. The words dictate what the illustration will be, but that still gives me many options. Sometimes the two come together easily, sometimes not. If not, I pursue new research material until something clicks. Did you learn anything new about the parts of speech while writing these books? I learned many things I had forgotten, and some new information and rules that I had never known. I also learned that the textbooks that I used for research were difficult to understand and somewhat boring, and that I am guilty of frequent misuse of the English language. How do you choose the images in your book? An art teacher once told me to fall in love with whatever I was drawing. So I choose images that I love: candy, ice cream, butterflies, sea creatures, carousels, jewels,

etc.

*A Flamboyance of Flamingos* - Jennifer Cossins 2020-04-16  
A wisdom of wombats? A loveliness of ladybirds? A flamboyance of flamingos? Come along on an illustrated journey through the animal kingdom with award-winning Tasmanian artist Jennifer Cossins. Featuring 28 full-colour animal illustrations, each with its very own collective noun, this book will delight children and adults alike.

***The Boke of Saint Albans*** - Juliana Berners 1905

***An Ambush of Tigers*** - Betsy R. Rosenthal 2022-08-01  
Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and sentence highlighting for an engaging read aloud experience! Have you ever heard of a prickle of porcupines? Or a tower of giraffes? What about a parcel of penguins? This fun-filled romp through the animal kingdom introduces collective nouns for animals through wordplay. Clever rhymes and humorous illustrations bring these collective nouns to life in funny ways, making it easy to remember which terms and animals go together. A glossary in the back matter offers further explanation of words used as collective nouns, such as sleuth meaning "detective." "This crash course in juxtaposition and imagination should be celebrated with a peal of bells. An inspiring addition to any poetry collection."—starred, *School Library Journal* "Cleverness abounds in Rosenthal's latest. . . .The tongue-in-cheek text never falters in its rhythm and rhyme. . . .The illustrations are a perfect match for the text's wit. . . .Collective nouns have never been this much fun."—starred, *Kirkus Reviews*

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