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**What do you call a group of ...?**

Many of the following terms belong to 15th-century lists of 'proper terms', such as those in the *Book of St Albans* attributed to Dame Juliana Barnes (1486). Some are fanciful or humorous terms, which probably never had any real currency, but have been taken up by antiquarian writers, notably Joseph Strutt in *Sports and Pastimes of England* (1801).

**People**

a **blush** of boys

a **drunkship** of cobblers

a **hastiness** of cooks

a **stalk** of foresters

an **observance** of hermits

a **bevy** of ladies

a **faith** of merchants

a **superfluity** of nuns

a **malapertness** (= impertinence) of pedlars

a **pity** of prisoners

a **glozing** (= fawning) of taverners

**Animals**

a **shrewdness** of apes

a **herd** or **pace** of asses

a **troop** of baboons

a **cete** of badgers

a **sloth** of bears

a **swarm** or **drift** or **hive** or **erst** of bees

a **flock** or **flight** or **pod** of birds

a **herd** or **gang** or **obstinacy** of buffalo

a **bellowing** of bullfinches

a **drove**of bullocks

an **army** of caterpillars

a **clowder** or**glaring** of cats

a **herd** or **drove** of cattle

a **brood** or **clutch** or **peep** of chickens

a **chattering** or **clattering** of choughs

a **rag** or **rake** of colts

a **covert** of coots

a **herd** of cranes

a **bask** of crocodiles

a **murder** of crows

a **litter** of cubs

a **herd** of curlew

a **cowardice** of curs

a **herd** or **mob** of deer

a **pack** or **kennel** of dogs

a **school** of dolphins

a **trip** of dotterel

a **flight** or **dole** or **piteousness** of doves

a **raft** or **bunch** or **paddling** of ducks on water

a **safe** of ducks on land

a **fling** of dunlins

a **herd** or **parade** of elephants

a **gang** or **herd** of elk

a **busyness** of ferrets

a **charm** or **chirm** of finches

a **shoal** or **run** of fish

a **swarm** or **cloud** of flies

a **skulk** of foxes

a **gaggle** of geese on land

a **skein** or **team** or **wedge** of geese in flight

a **herd** of giraffes

a **cloud** of gnats

a **flock** or **herd** or **trip** of goats

a **band** of gorillas

a **pack** or **covey** of grouse

a **down** or **mute** or **husk** of hares

a **cast** of hawks

a **siege** of herons

a **bloat** of hippopotami

a **drove** or **string** or **stud** or **team** of horses

a **pack** or **cry** or **kennel** of hounds

a **flight** or **swarm** of insects

a **fluther** or **smack** of jellyfish

a **mob** or **troop** of kangaroos

a **kindle** or **litter** of kittens

a **desert** of lapwing

an **exaltation** or a **bevy** of larks

a **leap** or **lepe** of leopards

a **pride** or **sawt** of lions

a **tiding** of magpies

a **sord** or **suit** of mallard

a **stud** of mares

a **richesse** of martens

a **labour** of moles

a **troop** of monkeys

a **barren** of mules

a **watch** of nightingales

a **yoke** of oxen

a **pandemonium** of parrots

a **covey** of partridges

a **muster** of peacocks

a **muster** or **parcel** or **rookery** of penguins

a **head** or **nye** of pheasants

a **kit** of pigeons flying together

a **litter** or herd of pigs

a **stand** or **wing** or **congregation** of plovers

a **rush** or **flight** of pochards

a **pod** or **school** or **herd** or **turmoil** of porpoises

a **covey** of ptarmigan

a**litter**of pups

a **bevy** or **drift** of quail

a **string** of racehorses

an **unkindness** of ravens

a **crash** of rhinoceros

a **bevy** of roes

a **parliament** or **building** of rooks

a **hill** of ruffs

a **pod** or **herd** or **rookery** of seals

a **flock** or **herd** or **trip** or **mob** of sheep

a **dopping** of sheldrake

a **wisp** or **walk** of snipe

a **host** of sparrows

a **murmuration** of starlings

a **flight** of swallows

a **game** of swans; a **wedge** of swans in the air

a **drift** or **herd** or **sounder** of swine

a **spring** of teal

a **knot** of toads

a **hover** of trout

a **rafter** of turkeys

a **bale** or **turn** of turtles

a **bunch** or **knob** or **raft** of waterfowl

a **school**or **pod** or **herd** or **gam** of whales

a **company** or **trip** of wigeon

a **sounder** of wild boar

a **destruction** of wild cats

a **team** of wild ducks in flight

a **bunch** or **trip** or **plump** or **knob** (fewer than 30) of wildfowl

a **drift** of wild pigs

a **pack** or **rout** of wolves

a **fall** of woodcock

a **descent** of woodpeckers

a **herd** of wrens

a **zeal**of zebras

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