












## Collective Nouns

A **noun** is a word that names a person, place, animal or thing. A **collective noun** is a word that is used to name a group of those people, places, animals or things. For example, you could have a crowd of people, a range of mountains, a herd of cows or a bunch of keys.

There are many interesting collective nouns to describe groups of specific animals. Some we hear all the time—a flock of sheep, a litter of pups, a flock of birds. Can you work out the collective noun for each group of animals below, by unravel the letters on the right and fill them into the boxes on the left? The green boxes will spell out the collective noun for a group of starlings.

1	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of bees		(MASWR)
2	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of crows		(RRDUME)
3	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of giraffes		(WORTE)
4	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of owls		(LEPMANITRA)
5	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of locusts		(PEAGUL)
6	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of porcupines		(CELKIRP)
7	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of wolves		(CPKA)
8	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of mice		(SENT)
9	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of lions		(RIEPD)
10	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of dolphins		(DPO)
11	A	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	of camels		(VAACARN)

From top to bottom, the coloured squares will spell out the collective noun for a group of starlings.

Answers on page 13

© 2020 Sherkin Island Marine Station & its licensors. All rights reserved.