

CREW Trust Collective Noun Quiz

Select the best answer from the choices offered. All questions apply to what may be found or seen on the CREW trails.

There are many fanciful collective nouns, so it's difficult to establish whether one is acceptable in formal writing.

If a name seems overly clever or poetic, verify it before using the name in a formal, scientific document.

If it's verse or fiction, a collective noun that is suspiciously fanciful can be freely used.

A group of alligators is ☐ a congregation
☐ a jaw

A group of amoebas is ☐ an ooze
☐ a slide

A group of armadillos is ☐ a roll
☐ a burrow

A group of bitterns is ☐ a sedge
☐ a bottom

A group of butterflies is ☐ a wing
☐ a flutter

A group of catbirds is ☐ a mewling
☐ a litter

A group of coots is ☐ a commotion
☐ a cackle

A group of cormorants is ☐ a gulp
☐ a crest

A group of cranes is ☐ a herd
☐ a cacophony

A group of crows is ☐ a murder
☐ a cawing

A group of eagles is ☐ a convocation
☐ a balding

A group of flycatchers is ☐ a swatting
☐ a netting

A group of goldfinches is ☐ a charm
☐ an ingot

A group of herons is ☐ a siege
☐ a harbor

A group of iguanas is ☐ a mess
☐ a guano

A group of jays is ☐ a scold
☐ a jostle

A group of otters is ☐ a bevy
☐ a clan

A group of owls is ☐ a parliament
☐ a hoot

A group of rattlesnakes is ☐ a rhumba
☐ a fang

A group of raccoons is ☐ a gaze
☐ a rascal

A group of robins is ☐ a worm
☐ a rafter

A group of spoonbills is ☐ a bowl
☐ a ladle

A group of starlings is ☐ a murmuration
☐ a nuisance

A group of storks is ☐ a muster
☐ a standing

A group of turkeys is ☐ a rafter
☐ a platter

A group of airborne vultures is ☐ a kettle
☐ a cloud

A group of roosting vultures is ☐ a wake
☐ a stink

A group of woodpeckers is ☐ a descent
☐ a pecking

A group of wrens is ☐ a herd
☐ a waggle

Answers: Some wildlife have several acceptable collective nouns, but for this quiz, if you checked the first box for each one, you will be correct.