

# a superfluity of nouns

Collective nouns have been around since the Middle Ages. A **flight of stairs**, a **school of fish**, an **obligato of snow**. Many are figurative (alliterative, personificative or simply humorous) in nature. Here are 26 new nouns of assemblage from A-Z. For more, check out the *The Book of St. Albans* (1486) or writer/composer James Lipton's wonderful collection *An Exaltation of Larks* (1991). See what nouns you think best fit the pairwords below.

an <b><u>A</u>lphabet</b> of	a <b><u>J</u>uggle</b> of	a <b><u>S</u>mea<u>r</u></b> of
a <b><u>B</u>arb</b> of	a <b><u>K</u>nob</b> of	a <b><u>T</u>orment</b> of
a <b><u>C</u>reep</b> of	a <b><u>L</u>oaf</b> of	an <b><u>U</u>nsightliness</b> of
a <b><u>D</u>ooley</b> of	a <b><u>M</u>elt</b> of	a <b><u>V</u>anity</b> of
an <b><u>E</u>gg</b> of	a <b><u>N</u>ettle</b> of	a <b><u>W</u>rinkle</b> of
a <b><u>F</u>lop</b> of	an <b><u>O</u>nion</b> of	an <b><u>X</u>-<u>Y</u>-<u>Z</u></b> of
a <b><u>G</u>irdle</b> of	a <b><u>P</u>arlor</b> of	a <b><u>Y</u>onder</b> of
a <b><u>H</u>uck</b> of	a <b><u>Q</u>uack</b> of	a <b><u>Z</u>ip</b> of
an <b><u>I</u>тч</b> of	a <b><u>R</u>ump</b> of	

Examples:

an <b><u>A</u>lphabet</b> of reasons	a <b><u>J</u>uggle</b> of hours	a <b><u>S</u>mea<u>r</u></b> of lipstick
a <b><u>B</u>arb</b> of indifference	a <b><u>K</u>not</b> of know-how	a <b><u>T</u>orment</b> of children
a <b><u>C</u>reep</b> of lettuce	a <b><u>L</u>oaf</b> of errands	an <b><u>U</u>nsightliness</b> of cats
a <b><u>D</u>ooley</b> of eggnog	a <b><u>M</u>elt</b> of traffic	a <b><u>V</u>anity</b> of regret
an <b><u>E</u>gg</b> of a time	a <b><u>N</u>ettle</b> of wind	a <b><u>W</u>rinkle</b> of laughter
a <b><u>F</u>lop</b> of misgivings	an <b><u>O</u>nion</b> of a mood	an <b><u>X</u>-<u>Y</u>-<u>Z</u></b> of goodbyes
a <b><u>G</u>irdle</b> of uneasiness	a <b><u>P</u>arlor</b> of miscreants	a <b><u>Y</u>onder</b> of mountains
a <b><u>H</u>uck</b> of oysters	a <b><u>Q</u>uack</b> of professors	a <b><u>Z</u>ip</b> of truth
an <b><u>I</u>тч</b> of suspicion	a <b><u>R</u>ump</b> of misfortunes	

"Wanna grab a huck of oysters and get reacquainted?"

"A motley crew? More like a parlor of miscreants!"

"I'll have a turkey wrap with bacon and a creep of lettuce."

"There isn't a zip of truth in a word I just said."