

# IT'S A PARTY OF ANIMALS

You may have heard of School of Fish or Herd of Sheep, but do you know what a group of sparrows or squirrels is called? Read the animal fact and use the decoder key to learn which mystery animals belong to each group!

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## DECODER

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
9	7	16	13	1	19	8	24	14	22	18	2	25	3	21	4	10	26	12	23	15	5	20	17	6	11

These creatures are nocturnal and have sharp night vision. They're omnivores with great dexterity in their 5 fingered paws.

**Gaze of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**26 9 16 16 21 21 3 12**

These creatures are carnivores, vocalize to communicate, and can rotate their necks 270 degrees.

**Parliament of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**21 20 2 12**

These cold-blooded creatures lay eggs on land but spend time also in the water. They have no teeth, and are omnivores.

**Bale of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**23 15 26 23 2 1 12**

These creatures are insectivores known for their aerial acrobatics. Even though they migrate seasonally, they often return to the same home sites each year.

**Flight of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**12 20 9 2 2 21 20 12**

These playful semi-aquatic creatures can swim 7mph and hold their breaths for 4 minutes. They have whiskers to help them locate prey.

**Romp of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**21 23 23 1 26 12**

These creatures have see-through eyelids and can close their nostrils when swimming. Their teeth are coated in iron-rich enamel and grow continuously.

**Colony of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**7 19 5 1 26 12**

These creatures are able to regrow lost limbs or organs. They are carnivorous and must stay in moist environments to keep their skin hydrated. You are most likely to spot them in springtime.

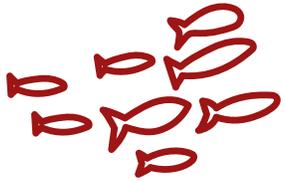
**Maelstrom of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**12 9 2 9 25 9 3 13 1 26 12**

These creatures breathe through their skin, drink through a patch on their bellies, and have sticky tongues. Evolutionarily, they were the first land-creatures with vocal chords.

**Army of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**19 26 21 8 12**

These nocturnal creatures have poor eyesight but a great sense of smell to help them navigate. They are herbivores with an evolved defense mechanism to protect themselves from predators.

**Prickle \_\_\_\_\_**  
**4 21 26 16 15 4 14 3 1 12**



# IT'S A PARTY OF ANIMALS (Continued)



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These creatures taste through their feet, have wings, and are essential pollinators. They can see a range of colors human eyes cannot detect.

These creatures are the only mammals who can truly fly. They use a radar-like system to navigate and hunt and like to live in small confined spaces.

These highly-vocal, social creatures are omnivores, and active day or night. They mate for life, and live in small family groups.

**Flight of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**7 15 23 23 1 26 19 2 14 1 12**

**Colony of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**7 9 23 12**

**Band of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**6 21 6 21 23 112**

These creatures are great climbers and jumpers, and spend a lot of their time hiding food in caches for winter. When threatened they will run in a zigzag to confuse predators.

These creatures spend time on land, in water, and in the sky. They have specialized neck bones designed to allow them to hunt prey with spring-loaded strikes.

These creatures are mostly known as fliers but can also swim to escape predators. They are known for their calls and songs that they use to attract mates and defend territories.

**Scurry of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**12 10 15 14 26 26 1 2 12**

**Siege of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**24 1 26 21 3 12**

**Host of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**12 4 9 26 26 21 20 12**

These creatures have incredibly long tongues that wrap around their brain for storage, and shock absorption. They are good climbers, and have pretty good sense of smell.

These creatures are carnivores and have a thick coat of fur to keep them warm in winter. They prefer to sleep underground and have excellent hearing.

These majestic creatures see 4-5 times better than humans do, fly up to 15,000 feet high, and at speeds up to 40mph. They are mostly carnivorous.

**Descent of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**20 21 21 13 4 1 16 18 1 26 12**

**Skulk of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**19 21 17 1 12**

**Convocation of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**19 8 2 1 12**