

## **Some modern collectives**

Competitions to find the best pun for a collective noun take place quite often. Here are 40 modern examples from my collection.

An absence of waiters  
An annoyance of mobile phones/cellphones  
An arsenal of football fans  
A babble of linguists  
A balance of accountants  
A band of censors  
A battery of torches  
A blaze of firefighters  
A boast of estate agents  
A body of pathologists  
A bond of secret agents  
A brace of dentists  
A cancellation of Sunday trains  
A clique of Web users  
A clutch of car mechanics  
A copse of detectives  
A crash of computers  
A flush of lavatories  
A galaxy of cosmologists  
A gush of sycophants  
A herd of rumours  
A horde of misers  
A litter of wastepaper baskets  
A lot of auctioneers  
A mouthful of sommeliers  
A number of mathematicians  
A pack of travel agents  
A peal of oranges  
A pride of celebrities  
A range of organizers  
A school of teachers  
A scoop of journalists  
A sea of bishops  
A sect of sparkling wine growers  
A swelter of electric blankets  
A shower of meteorologists  
A stack of libraries  
A wave of surfers  
A wealth of bankers  
A zeal of missionaries