We are all familiar with phrases like a kettle of hawks and a covey of quail to describe a group of birds. Well the readers of Wild Bird News a while back (1990) added a few more to the list.

...a ladle of dippers
...a dash of bitterns
...a gallon of petrels
...a Rockefeller of oystercatchers
...a pack of Larks
...a U of terns
...a marathon of roadrunners
...a family of partridge
...a spread of eagles
...a civilization of Inca Doves
...a liturgy of Vesper Sparrows
...a depression of Blue Grouse
...a revenge of Montezuma Quail
...a grumbling of grouse
...a scaffold of Ladder-backed Woodpeckers
...a reel of Virginia Rails
...a cushion of Pintails
...a hobbling of Limpkin
...a trap of boobys
...a ballet of nutcrackers
...a statutory of mynas
...a bushel of Acorn Woodpeckers
...a gulp of swallows
...a construction of cranes
...a bunch of Olive Sparrows