In Wanted: Criminals of the Animal Kingdom, each animal is given a gang name. Those are their collective nouns. That means when you have a group of that animal together, they have a special name. Like a herd of cows or flock of birds. Match the animals on the left with their collective noun on the right.


## A Caravan of What?

Bees: a swarm
Camels: a caravan
Kittens: a litter
Crows: a murder
Elephants: a parade
Fish: a school

Frogs: an army
Geese: a gaggle
Giraffes: a tower
Jellyfish: a smack
Lions: a pride
Snakes: a nest

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It's your turn to be a detective! Do you have a pet ... or a favorite stuffie ... or an imaginary monster under your bed that sometimes gets into mischief? Draw a mug shot and create a rap sheet for your troublemaker.

Be creative!

Criminal's Name:

Wanted for:

Alias (other names or nickname):

Animal type:

Distinguishing features:

Known to eat:

Other information:
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## Using colored markers or crayons, follow the directions below

Put a blue circle around the animals that live in the water
Put a red box around the animals that fly
Put a green checkmark beside the animals with fur or hair
Put an x over the animals that are dangerous to others
Put a red dot below the animals that are smaller than a pinecone
Put an orange star above the animal that you like best
Draw a hat on the animal that has the biggest ears

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## Group Research Project:

There were so many more animals that could have made it onto Detective X's list, but there just wasn't enough space. Below is a list of some of those animals. Have the class get into groups, choose one of the following animals, and do a little research into their strange behaviors. Students can create their own rap sheets for the animals or do a presentation telling the rest of the students how these animals create a little chaos in the world around them.

## Quokka

Bumphead parrotfish
Lyrebird
Horned lizard
Dung beetle
Japanese honeybee
Boxer crabs
Fainting goats

