

# COLLECTION



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This puzzle presents itself as a simple crossword puzzle. Observant puzzlers will notice that the answers are all terms for groups of animals, which is hinted by the puzzle title.

1 Across: <b>PACK</b> of dogs (and many others)	2 Down: <b>CULTURE</b> of bacteria
3 Across: <b>BED</b> of clams	3 Down: <b>BATTERY</b> of barracudas
7 Across: <b>TOWER</b> of giraffes	4 Down: <b>SCHOOL</b> of fish
8 Across: <b>RHUMBA</b> of rattlesnakes	5 Down: <b>ARMY</b> of caterpillars
9 Across: <b>INTRUSION</b> of cockroaches	6 Down: <b>COALITION</b> of cheetahs
11 Across: <b>COLONY</b> of ants	10 Down: <b>SCOURGE</b> of mosquitoes
12 Across: <b>HOVER</b> of trout	
13 Across: <b>PRIDE</b> of lions	
14 Across: <b>FEVER</b> of stingrays	

Each answer has a corresponding color and number associated with it, indicated in the crossword clues section. Doing so spells out three groups:

**HUDDLE**, **MOB**, and **GROUP OF CASSOWARIES**

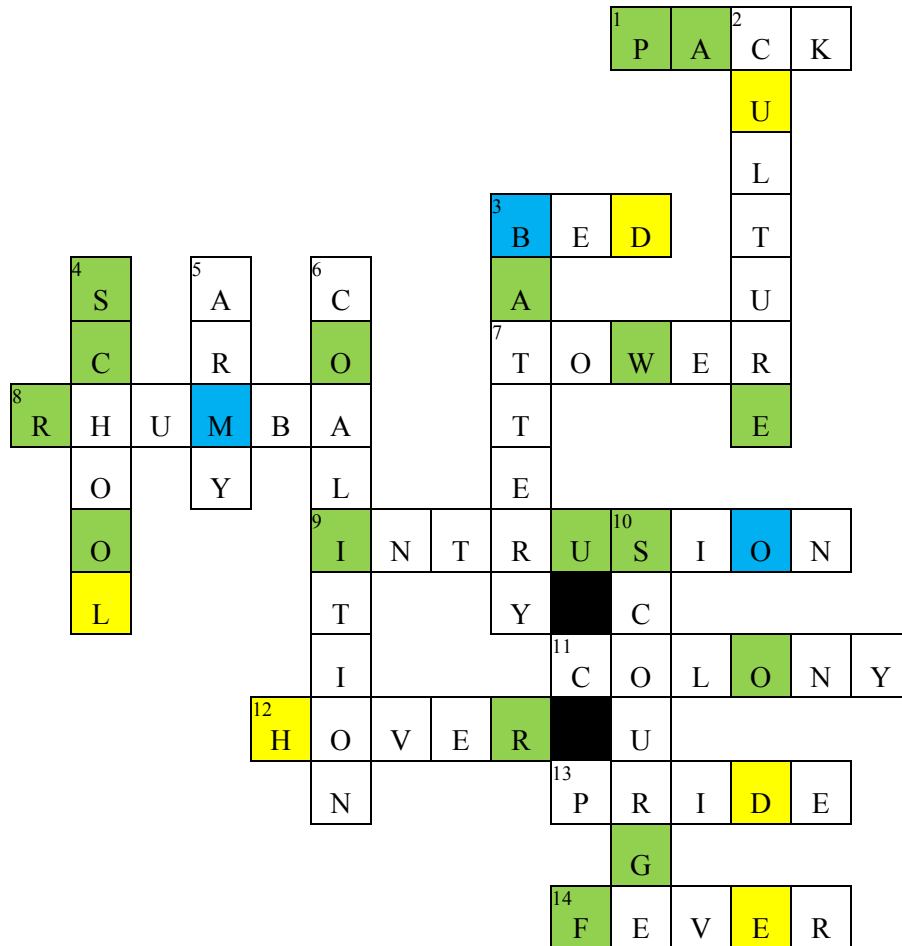
(If you missed the theme of the puzzle up to this point hopefully the green clue, **GROUP OF CASSOWARIES**, is a good hint since there is no fun name for a group of cassowaries!)

Next step is to figure out what type of animals each of these groups represents. A group of penguins is called a **HUDDLE**, a group of emu is called a **MOB**, and a group of cassowaries is called, well, a **GROUP OF CASSOWARIES**. All three of these groups of birds have a noticeable distinction that fits with the event theme: they don't fly! The answer to the puzzle is **FLIGHTLESS BIRDS** (or just **FLIGHTLESS**).

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## Across

1. Put together in a suitcase (5, 9)
3. Bad day if awoken on the wrong side of (3)
7. A tall building (13)
8. Traditional Cuban dance (2)
9. An invasion or an unwanted act of entering (16, 4, 11, 2)
11. Territory seeded by but separated from the ruling authority (3)
12. Helicopter's advantage (1, 15)
13. High opinion of one's self (4)
14. High temperature, not feeling well (7, 6)

## Down

2. Society's art, music, manners, etc. (2, 17)
3. Energy storage device (electricity) (3, 14)
4. Children are taken here by bus, usually unwillingly (10, 8, 12, 5)
5. Alphabetically the second of the U.S.'s military forces (1)
6. An alliance (modern) (6, 16)
10. Affliction or calamity cause (18, 1)