



To Name a Few

The wide, open plains, the watering holes and the acacia and teak forests of **Hwange National Park** are teeming with life. In addition to the varied plant life, there are over 400 species of birds and 100 species of mammals in Hwange, making it a game-rich, year-round viewing area.

And wherever there is one winged, furry, horned, toothy or scaly critter there are many. After you have spent some time on **safari** you will see how aptly suited their labels are. To name a few:

A raft, a bloat or a crash of hippos

A bask or float of crocodiles

Ducks in flight are a flock, but once they are on water, ducks are a raft or a paddling



Geese in flight are a skein, but on the ground they are a gaggle

Antelope, impala, springbok and wildebeest are herds

You've heard of a pride of lions, but probably never heard of a sawt or troop

A leap of leopards

A parliament of owls

Elephants are a herd - or a parade!

A pandemonium of parrots – very aptly named!

A group of cheetahs is a coalition

Zebra are a zeal or a herd - but our favorite is a dazzle

A prickle of porcupines

Buffalo are usually in herds, but sometimes they are a gang or an obstinacy

A quiver of cobras

An intrusion of cockroaches

A gulp of cormorants

Turtles are a bale, nest or turn

A sedge or seige of cranes

Grasshoppers are a cloud

Guinea fowl are a confusion – just watch them and you'll see why!

Termites are a colony, nest, swarm or brood

A pack of wild dogs

An army, a colony or a knot of frogs

Foxes interestingly have five group names to go by – a leash, earth, lead, troop and – our favorite – a skulk

A tower of giraffe

A venue of vultures but if they are circling then they are a kettle

A troop or flange of baboons

Let us know any we missed or your own favourites!

Whatever you call the individual species, you'll see so many different animals on safari with **Tasimba** in Hwange that you will call them all by just one word: Incredible! Ahhh! Life abounds!

"Return to old watering holes for more than water; friends and dreams are there to meet you."
- African proverb.



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