

List of ethnic slurs by creature

This list of ethnic slurs is sorted into categories that can be defined by species, nationality or ethnicity within and without Equestria. The following is a list of ethnic slurs (ethnophaulisms) that are, or have been, used as insinuations or allegations about members of a given species, or to refer to them in a derogatory (that is, critical or disrespectful), pejorative (disapproving or contemptuous), or otherwise insulting manner.

Some of the terms listed below (such as "Griff", "Zigger", etc.) are used by many creatures the world over as part of their ordinary speech or thinking without any intention of causing offence. The connotation of a term and prevalence of its use as a pejorative or neutral descriptor varies over time and by geography. For the purposes of this list, an ethnic slur is a term **designed to insult others on the basis of species, ethnicity, or nationality**.

Ethnic slurs may also be produced as a creatural epithet by combining a general-purpose insult with the name of ethnicity, such as "dirty Griffon", "filthy Yak", etc. Other common insulting modifiers include "ugly", "filthy", etc. Such terms are not included in this list.

Note that with the nature of slurs, not every creature uses the exact same slurs for different species. For slurs that are not commonly used by ponies, indication of which species uses which slurs is recommended.

Please be aware that if a slur is unable to meet sufficient scrutiny for its usage, it may and will be removed from the list.

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Broader creatural categories

Winged Creatures in General

- Skyzigger

any creature with wings, with the added "zigger" suffix.

Griffons

- **Griff**

term for Griffons, derived from its use as an endonym among Equestrian-born Griffons. Among ponies and griffons, the word “griff” can be used both as a neutral or derogatory term.

The word is believed to be a play on the word *grift*, meaning to obtain money or property illicitly.

- **Beaky boys / beaky girls**

a Griffons, in reference to a griffon’s prominent beak. It is not uncommon to hear that there are “beaks involved in the matter”, which often refers to the speaker’s envy of the griffon’s exceptional skills in making profits.

- **Squawker**

a Griffon, in reference to their alleged shrill bird-like sounds they make when speaking. This is believed to be attributed to their “unrefined nature as base animals lower in intelligence”.

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Yaks

- **Hairball**

A Yak, due to their large amount of air. This is sometimes expressed with the adjective *filthy*. (Example: Filthy hairball)

- **Yack**

a Yak. From the corrupted spelling of the word “yak”. The anglicisation of this spelling also is closely associated with the phrase “yuck”, a term of disgust.

Ponies

- **Longface**

a Pony, with reference to a pony's snout. Where the slur has originated from is disputed, as many species, such as donkeys or mules, have much longer snouts than ponies.

- **Horsey / horselet**

- A Pony, especially one with an unrefined demeanor or appearance, in reference to their ancient heritage as wild animals.

Changelings

- **Bugpony**

a Changeling, with reference to the changeling's bug-like appearance.

- **Steve**

a Changeling who is considered passive and effeminate. It is used to describe weak-willed changelings, or the weak-willed in general, such as the estranged King Thorax the First. The explanation for the word's origins are unknown; possibly from the word $\sigma \tau \acute{\epsilon} \phi \alpha \nu \omicron \varsigma$ (stéphanos), meaning "wreath, crown".

- **Frank**

a Changeling who is considered hyper-aggressive, typically with a negative view of modern changeling culture. Changelings of this type are associated with "reactionaries" who seek to return to the era when Queen Chrysalis ruled the Changeling Hive. The explanation for the word's origins are unknown; possibly from the word *franc*, meaning "free".

- **Beetling / beetly**

a Changeling, with reference to the Changeling's appearance resembling that of a beetle. The word is a portmanteau of "beetle" and "changeling"

Donkeys

- **Ass**

From the archaic word for donkey, *assa*, back-formed from *assen*, meaning "she-ass". Now used in a derogatory fashion recalling a time when donkeys were commonly seen as unintelligent beasts of burden.

Cows

- **Heifer**

a cow, especially if considered "only useful at getting milked." The use of the word is inoffensive if used by cows, as it continues to retain the definition of the word referring to young cows, especially one that has not had a calf.

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Diamond Dogs

- **Mongrel / mong**
a Diamond Dog, particularly one is inbred or deformed.
- **Woof-woof / wuf-wuf / waff-waff / woopwoop / wau-wau / bau-bau / gav-gav / haf-haf / guau-guau / hau-hau / whoawhoa / arp-arp**
memetic onomatopoeia used to mock a Diamond Dog, often alluding to their simple-minded, primitive nature. This may be uttered for any reason, none at all, or simply used to provoke them.

Buffalo

- **Prairie prancer**
refers to the Buffalo tribes in the Equestrian South and Great Plains.
- **Prairie zigger**
refers to Buffaloes in general, with the added “zigger” suffix.
- **Trainwrecker**
a Buffalo, in reference to when Buffalo tribes would attack rail trains during the conflict at the Southern Equestrian frontier.

Zebras

- **Zigger / ziggar / ziggur / zigor / zigre (Carraigebean) / zigar, zigga / ziggah / zig / zigguh / zig-zog**
a Zebra. The explanation for the term is unknown and cannot be explained within equinological terms. Possibly from the Latin word *negro*, meaning “black”.
- **Ziglet**
a Zebra foal. May also refer to Zebras who are considered short for their size. The explanation for the term is unknown and cannot be explained within equinological terms.
- **Striper**

a Zebra, in reference to a zebra's stripes on their bodies. Refers to zebras who often copulate with members of other species, ponies in particular.

- **Croptail**

A Zebra, in reference to their unique tails that appear to ponies to be cropped, or resemble a riding crop.

- **Cresthead**

A Zebra, in reference to their naturally up-standing manes which resemble a military helmet's crest. Often used by ponies in the military, such as the Royal Guard.

Dragons

- **Scaleback / scalie**

a Dragon, in reference to their scaly bodies. Used by ponies typically on the border of dragon lands.

Deer

- **Meadow prancer**

a Deer, in reference to the association of deers often seen in meadows.

- **Meadow zigger**

same as above, but with the added "zigger" suffix.

Kirin

- **Hothead**

get him out of here

- **Loudmouth**

a Kirin, in reference to how, for many years, Kirin refrained from uttering a single word.

- **Nirik**

a Kirin, in reference to the transformation Kirin undergoes when they become enraged. While it is also an officially recognized term, it is often used to attempt to goad Kirin into such a state.

Individual nationalities/ethnicities

Earth Ponies

- **Mudpony**

an Earth pony, in reference to the cultural association of mud as dirty and considered the lowest of the low, and thus inferior. Additionally, it may also refer to the disparagement of their cultural and historical connection to farming.

- **Ground-pounder**

an Earth pony, typically used by pegasi in reference to the fact Earth ponies are only able to walk on the ground, lacking limbs that physically (and metaphorically) elevate pegasi above them. Possibly also used by haughty mountain-dwelling unicorns for the same reason.

- **Slogger**

an Earth pony, especially those working manual labour. In reference to their supposedly dirty nature associated with their hooves trudging through gravel, mud, snow, and sand on a daily basis.

Unicorn (Ponies)

- **Bonehead**

a Unicorn, in reference to the fact that their horns appear to resemble the texture of bones

- **Hornymule / hornmule**

(archaic) a Unicorn. The roots of the word have been lost to time, but it is speculated that it has its origins in a dead language from before Old Ponish and the ascension of Princess Celestia and Luna.

- **Snoot**

a Unicorn, in reference to how many Unicorns carry themselves with their snouts, or snoots (colloquial), raised high in the air. Intended to imply that said Unicorn thinks too much of themselves. Possibly originating from the word *snooty*, meaning “pompous, snobbish, inclined to turn up one's nose”.

- **Hornswoggler**

a Unicorn, particularly one who is a trickster who gains the confidence of other ponies through deception and trickery. Possibly originated from the jocular coinage of the words *horns* and *waggle*, with humorous faux ablaut or combination with wobble (compare later *woggle*).

Pegasus (Ponies)

- **Airhead**

a Pegasus who is considered not very smart.

- **Birdbrain**

a Pegasus, considered retarded. In reference to the association of a pegasus' flight abilities with birds, as well as the cultural association that birds are considered not very bright.

- **Skyborn**

(*archaic*) a Pegasus, in reference to the association of the pegasi with the sky. This has since been culturally and linguistically reappropriated and is no longer considered a slur by Pegasi.

- **Featherbrain**

a Pegasus, in reference to the Pegasus' feathery wings.

- **Horsefly**

a Pegasus, in reference to their ability to fly. May also be connotatively associative with the housefly, a type of flying pest.

Crystal Ponies

- **Glassware**

a Crystal Pony, in reference to the Crystal Ponies' glass-like, fragile appearance, implying they could shatter at any moment. Culturally tied to the idea of being insecure.

Saddle Arabian (Ponies)

- **Sandpony**

a Saddle Arabian, in reference to the homeland of Saddle Arabia being located in a desert climate, which is abundant in sand.

- **Saddleback / sadback**

a Saddle Arabian, in reference to their eponymous culture/history of wearing saddles.

Crossed/Mixed species

Mules

- **Bucktooth**

a Mule, referring to their commonly large front teeth that stick out. Seen as a sign of their poor breeding. May also be used to refer to ponies who are considered ugly.

Half-Ponies in General

- **Dios mio... La creatura...**

la abominación de la generación cinco... La luz extinguida... El monstruo... La atrocidad...

See also

[This actual list of ethnic slurs by human ethnicities](#)