

Wasco language lessons

PLURALS IN WASCO

Ixtba Wigwa
Monday

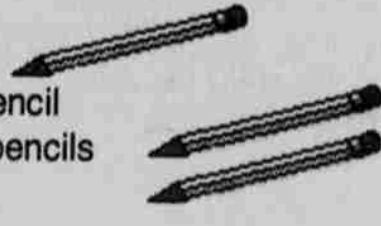
In general, Wasco nouns form the plural by:
-changing the prefix; and/or
-adding a plural suffix.

There are no hard-and-fast rules which predict how a Wasco noun will form a plural. There are, however, a few general patterns.

Plurals formed by changing the noun prefix; the prefixes most commonly used to mark the plural are it- and it-:

ak'ínułmat
itk'ínułmat

pen, pencil
pens, pencils



ich'ánk
itich'ánk

deer
deer [plural (pl)]



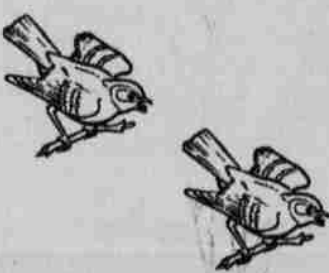
igunat
itgunat

salmon
salmon [pl]



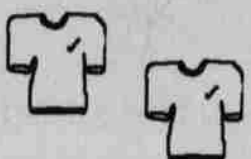
ip'áugila
itp'áugila

snowbird
snowbirds



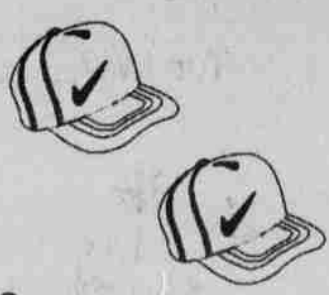
ikitit
itkitit

clothing
garments



ak'ukup
itk'ukup

hat
hats



alashísh
ilashísh

chair
chairs



ikshwuí
ikshwui

bark container
containers

Makwsh̄tba Wigwa
Tuesday

Plurals formed by changing the prefix and adding a suffix:



akwátq
itkwatqmax

sally bag
sally bags



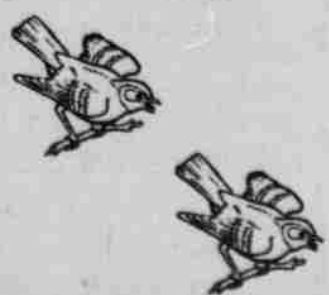
igunat
itgúnatmax

salmon
salmon [pl]



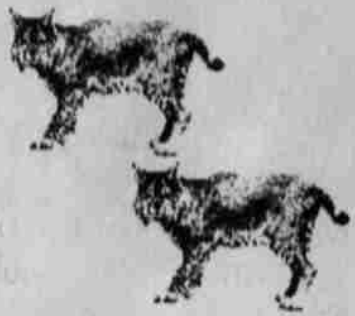
it'áugila
itp'áugilamax

snowbird
snowbirds



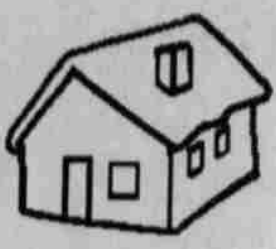
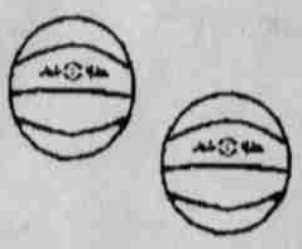
ipkwá
itpkwamax

wildcat
wildcats



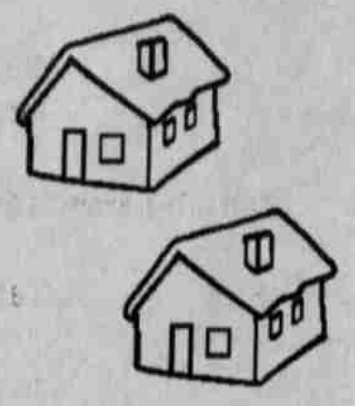
ishp'áu
itichp'aumax

ball
balls



itqwí
itqwtimax

house
houses



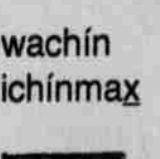
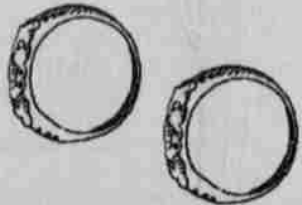
Łunba Wigwa
Wednesday

More plurals formed by changing the prefix and adding a suffix:



waskáq
itaska'amax

bracelet
bracelets



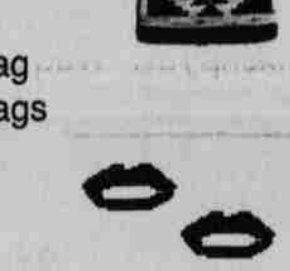
wachín
ichínmax

dentalium
dentalia



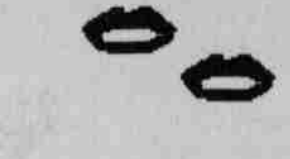
isik'nxat
itsik'nxatks

cornhusk bag
cornhusk bags



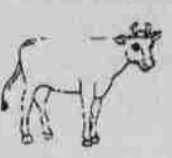
ikwshxát
itkwshxátksh

mouth
mouths



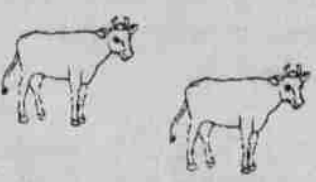
Laktba Wigwa
Thursday

Only a very few nouns form the plural by adding a suffix, some plurals are formed by adding the suffixes: -max, -ksh, and -ks. -max is never used with people; -ksh or -ks are rarely used with nouns representing objects without life.



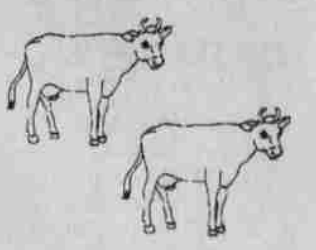
idúiuha
idúihamax

steer
steers



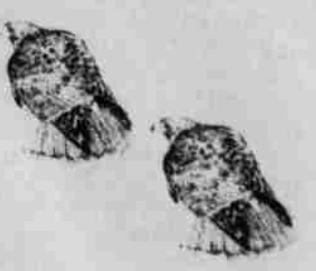
adúiha
aduihamax

cow, cattle
cows



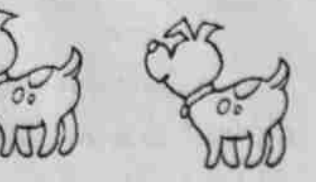
ipsiq
ipsiq'uks

redhawk
redhawks



icwa'a
icwa'amax

puppy
puppies



Gwnmaba Wigwa
Friday

Some nouns change their stem in forming the plural with a change in prefix and added suffix:

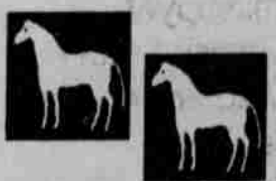
ikala
itkalúksh

man
men



ikiútan
itkyudanyuksh

horse
horses



A few nouns representing people use an entirely different stem in the plural:



agagilak
idnmskhksh

woman
women



ik'ashkash
itqiyalksh

boy
boys



ak'ashkash
idligwamshksh

girl
girls



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