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gal·li·na·ceous  (găl'ə-nā shəs)

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adj.

Of, belonging to, or characteristic of the order Galliformes, which includes poultry, pheasants, and grouse.

[From Latin *gallināceus*, of poultry, from *gallīna*, hen, feminine of *gallus*, cock; see **gal-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

gal'li·na cean *n.*

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