One of my hobbies is collecting tautonyms—a harmless and inexpensive activity. Unlike rock-collecting, tautonym-collecting is clean, requires very little exertion, and only a small amount of storage space. Unlike coin or stamp-collecting, tautonym-collecting does not deal in objects of value; I don't have a safe to keep my tautonyms secure, nor do I have to pay anyone when I come across a tautonym.

I have found nearly 400 tautonyms in scientific and reference literature that comes my way, from Aaptos aaptos (a kind of sponge) to Zingel zingel (a type of fish). I divide them into two categories: eutautonyms, in which the generic and specific names are identical, and aneutautonyms, in which the generic and specific names differ slightly in spelling. All eutautonyms are animals, because botanical scientific nomenclature forbids them, but a few plant names have generic and specific names similar enough to meet my criteria for an aneutautonym, e.g. Cajanus cajan (the pigeon pea) and Cuminum cyminum (the cumin, of which P.D.Q. Bach wrote in his oratorio The Seasonings "I'm cumin, I'm cumin, for my head is bending low...").

One fictitious animal is included: Wile E. Coyote, the Warner Brothers cartoon character who futilely chases the Roadrunner. In one cartoon his scientific name is given as Famishus famishus! Real coyotes rejoice in the nontautonymical scientific name of Canis latrans (thieving dog).

The tautonyms on my list need not be current, but they must be found in at least one reputable reference. For example, the lion is given as Panthera leo in most books, but the Encyclopaedia Britannica gives it as Leo leo, and if the EB is not reputable, I don't know what is. Most, but not all, of my tautonyms are living. Some are no doubt endangered, but the only one I know is extinct is the fossil ammonite Parkinsonia parkinsoni. I do not count cases where merely the species and subspecies names are the same. Some tautonymical animals such as the gorilla and the bison have a common name the same as the tautonymic scientific name.

For certain creatures, the generic name and specific name differ but mean the same thing, usually in two different languages such as Latin and Greek; these I call heterotautonyms. Three well-known examples are Xiphias gladius ("sword" in Greek and Latin), the swordfish, Ursus arctos ("bear" in Latin and Greek), the black bear, and Staphyllactos uva-ursi ("berry-bear" in Greek and Latin), the bearberry. These are rare; I have only one each of Xiphias and Asio otus.
Aaptos aaptos (hadromeridan sponge) Gk
Achatina achatina (West African giant snail) Gk: agate
Agama agama (agama lizard) Carib?
Ahaetulla ahaetulla (rear-fanged bronze-back snake)
Alburnus alburnus (bleak fish) La: whitish
Alces alces (moose or European elk) La: elk
Alle alle (dovekie) Swed: bird's name
Alosa alosa (European shad or alli.ce) La: shad
Amandava amandava (avadavat bird) Gujarati: Ahmadabad, India
Amplustre amplustre (amplustre bubble shell mollusc)
Anableps anableps (four-eyed fish) Gk: look up
Anatina anatina (smooth duck clam) La: duck-like
Anguilla anguilla (European eel) La: eel, narrow
Anhinga anhinga (anhinga or water turkey) Tupi: bird’s name
Anoa anoa (anoa) Malay: animal’s name in Celebes
Anostomus anostomus (pencil fish or striped anostomus) Gk: down mouth
Anser anser (greylag goose) La: goose
Anthias anthias (serranid fish) Gk: flowery?
Apus apus (common swift) Gk: without feet
Arcinella arcinella (true spiny jewel box shell) La: little ark or box
Argus argus (great argus pheasant) Gk: mythic character
Aspis aspis (aspis fish) Gk?: asp
Aspius aspius (asp) La: asp
Astacus astacus (European crayfish) Gk: lobster, crayfish
Aulica aulica (aulica volute shell) La: of the hall or court
Avicularia avicularia (bird spider) La: bird-catcher?
Axis axis (axis deer or spotted chital) La: a type of animal in India
Badis badis (blue perch or badis)
Bagarius bagarius (goonch)
Banjos banjos (a banjosid fish)
Barbastella barbastella (western barbastelle bat) La: evening
Barbus barbus (barbel) La: beard
Basiliscus basiliscus (basilisk lizard) Gk: basilisk (kingly)
Belone belone (garfish) Gk: needle, dart
Bidyanus bidyanus (silver perch)
Bison bison (bison or American buffalo) La/Gk?: animal’s name
Bombina bombina (common European fire-bellied toad) La: hummer, buzzer
Bonasia bonasia (hazel grouse) La: aurochs-like
Boops boops (bogue fish)
Brama brama (Atlantic pomfret)
Broome broome (cusk)
Bubalus bubalis (wild buffalo) La: buffalo, wild ox
Subo bubo (eagle owl) La: owl
Bufo bufo (common toad) La: toad
Buteo buteo (European buzzard or short-winged hawk) La: hawk (owl?)
Calamus calamus (saucereye porgy) La: reed
Callithys callithys (cascarudo) Gk: beautiful fish
Callorhinicus callorhinichus (elephant chimaera fish) Gk: beautiful snout
Capreolus capreolus (roe deer) La: goat-like?
Caracal caracal (caracal) Turkish: black ear
Carassius carassius (crucian carp)
Cardinalis cardinalis (cardinal) La: cardinal (hinge)
Carduus carduus (European goldfinch) La: thistle
Caretta caretta (loggerhead turtle) Taino:
Casuarius casuarius (cassowary) Malay: bird’s name
Cattla catla (catla fish) Bengali: fish’s name
Catoctomus catoctomus (large-scaled sucker) Gk: down mouth
Cerastes cerastes (horned asp or horned desert viper) Gk: horned
Chaca chaca (chacid fish) Hindi?
Chalcides chalcides (three-toed or cylindrical skink) Gk: coppery
Chanos chanos (milkfish)
Chloris chloris (greenfinch or green linnet) Gk: green
Chlorura chlorura (green-tailed towhee) Gk: green tail
Chromis chromis (blue damselfish) Gk: colored
Ciconia ciconia (European stork) La: stork
Cinclus cinclus (water ouzel) La: kind of bird
Citellus citellus (suslik) Slavic: suslik
Clathrus clathrus (wentletrap shell) Gk: lattice
Clelia clelia (mussurana or sand viper)
Coccothraustes coccothraustes (hawfinch) Gk: seed-crusher
Coellearius coellearius (boatbill heron) Gk: spoon
Coelalgia coelalgia (bronzy inca) La: heaven-born
Coelurinchus coelurinchus (saddled grenadier) Gk: hollow beak
Colius colius (white-backed coly or mousebird) Gk: green woodpecker
Concholepas concholepas (hare’s ear shell or loco) Gk: shell-hare
Conger conger (conger eel) Gk: lump
Constrictor constrictor (boa constrictor) La: squelcher
Coscoroba coscoroba (coscoroba swan) S.Amer. Span: bird’s name
Coturnix coturnix (pigeon)
Coturnix coturnix (pigeon)
Crangon crangon (crangon)
Cresida cresida (cresid)
Cricetus cricetus (cricetid rodent)
Crocuta crocuta (hyena)
Crossoptilon melanocephalum (common blackbird)
Curvacea curvacea (curved tooth)
Cursor cursor (European water rail)
Cyanicthurus cyanicthurus (ocean plumage)
Cygnus cygnus (swan)
Cymbiola cygnoidea (cymbiola)
Cynira cygna (swan)
Dama dama (fallow deer)
Dentex dentex (Haliopomatus)
Dives dives (sailfish)
Domicella domica (Ceratocapra)
Echinurus echiurus (echinurus)
Emesia emesis (Emesia)
Ensis ensis (Ensis)
Equis equus (equis)
Erosa ero (Erosa)
Erythrunis erythrunis (Erythrunis)
Falco peregrinus (peregrine falcon)
Ficus indica (pomegranate)
Fusus flesus (Fusus)
Fossa fossa (Fossa)
Francolinus Francolinus (Francolinus)
Galbula galbula (white周一)
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Gazella gazella (Gazella)
Gemma gemma (Gemma)
Genetta genetta (Genetta)
Gerbillus gerbillus (gerbillus)
Gesta gesta (Gesta)
Glis glis (comma)
Glycimeris glycimere (Glycimeris)
Gobio gobio (Gobio)
Goliathus goliathus (Goliathus)
Gorilla gorilla (Gorilla)
Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa (Gryllotalpa)
Guira guira (Guira)
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Cossus cossus (goat moth) La: type of larva or grub
Cotinga cotinga (purple-breasted cotinga) Tupi: wash?
Coturnix coturnix (quail) La: quail
Crangon crangon (sand shrimp) Gk: shrimp, prawn
Cressida cressida (Australian big greasy butterfly) Gk: mythic character
Crex crex (corn crake) Gk: a sort of long-legged bird
Cricetus cricetus (hamster) Slavic: hamster
Crocata crocata (laughing or spotted hyaena) Gk: a sort of wild animal
Crossotipon crossotipon (Blue's eared pheasant) Gk: fringe feather
Curaeus curaeus (austral blackbird)
Cursor cursor (cream-colored cursor or courser) La: of running, runner
Cyanicterus cyanicterus (blue-backed tanager) Gk: blue-yellow
Cygnus cygnus (whooper swan) Gk/La: swan
Cymbiola cymbiola (species of volute mollusc) Gk: small cup or boat
Cymbium cymbium (elephant-snout volute) Gk: small cup or boat
Cyrina cyrina (hesperid butterfly)

Dama dama (fallow deer) La (Celtic?): animal's name
Dentex dentex (dentex or porgy) La: toothy
Dives dives (melodious blackbird) La: rich
Domicella domicella (black-capped lory La: little lady
Echinurus echinurus (spoonworm) Gk: vomiting?
Ensifer ensifer (swordbill hummingbird) La: sword-bearer
Ensis ensis (curved razor shell) La: sword
Equis equus (horse) La: horse
Erosa erosa (?) La: worn away, gnawed?
Erythrinus erythrinus (erythrism fish) Gk: red, ruddy
Falcipennis falcipennis (sickle-winged grouse) La: sickle-winged
Famishus famishus (Wile E. Coyote) mock-La: very hungry
Feroculus feroculus (Kelaart's long-tailed shrew) La: little fierce one
Ficus ficus (fig shell) La: fig
Flesus flesus (Hound) La: fish's name?
Fossa fossa (Malagasay civet or fanaloka) Malagasay: animal's name
Francolinus francolinus (francolin bird) Itat:
Gallus gallus (green-tailed jacamar) La (Celtic?): type of small bird
Galeus galeus (tope) La: dogfish, shark
Gallinago gallinago (common snipe) La: hen
Gallus gallus (red jungle fowl or domestic chicken) La: cock
Gazella gazella (mountain gazelle) Arabic: gazelle
Gemina gemina (amethyst gem clam) La: gem
Genetta genetta (spotted genet) Arabic: animal's name
Gerbillus gerbillus (gerbil) Arabic: jerboa
Gesta gesta (blue-banded skipper butterfly) La: deed?
Glia glis (common dormouse) La: dormouse
Glycericeris glycericeris (bittersweet shell) Gk: sweet-bitter
Gobio gobio (gudgeon) Gk/La: fish’s name
Goliathus goliathus (goliath beetle) Hebrew: Biblical giant
Gonorynchus gonorynchus (beaked salmon) Gk: gonad-beaked
Gorilla gorilla (gorilla) Gk: legendary African tribe
Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa (mole cricket) La: cricket-mole
Guira guira (guira cuckoo)
Gulo gulo (wolverine) La: glutton
Haemachatus haemachatus (ringhals cobra) Gk: blood-agate?
Harpaphe harpa (noble or common Pacific harp shell) La (Germ): harp
Hemicardium hemicardium (half-heart cockle shell) La-Gk: half-heart
Hemilepidotus hemilepidotus (red Irish lord) La-Gk: half-scaly
Heterophyes heterophyes (intestinal fluke) Gk: other body
Himantopus himantopus (stilt) Gk: thong-foot
Hippocampus hippocampus (sea horse) Gk: horse-sea monster
Hippoglossus hippoglossus (Atlantic halibut) Gk: horse-tongue
Hippopus hippopus (horse's-leaf shell) Gk: horse-foot
Histrio histrio (sargassum fish) La: actor
Histrionicus histrionicus (harlequin duck) La: of actors
Hucho hucho (beluga sturgeon) Old High German: fish's name
Hyaena hyaena (striped hyaena) La: animal's name
Ibis ibis (wood stork) Gk (Egyptian): bird's name
Icterus icterus (troupial) Gk: yellow
Idus idus (ide or orfe) Swed: dark?
Iguana iguana (iguana) Arawak: animal's name
Indicator indicator (black-throated honey guide) La: pointer-out
Indri indri (indri) Malagasay: look!
Irus irus (irus venus shell) Gk: rainbow
Jacana jacana (wattled jacana) Tupi (Portuguese): bird's name
Jaculus jaculus (jerboa) La: jumper
Janthina janthina (common janthina) Gk: blue violet (flower)
Lactarius lactarius (whitefish) La: milky, of milk
Laevicardium laevicardium (common egg cockle) La: left heart
Lagocephalus lagocephalus (pufferfish or oceanic puffer) Gk: hare-head
Lagus lutris (wagtail ptarmigan) Gk: hare-foot
Lagurus lagurus (steppe lemming) Gk: hare-tail
Lambis lambis (common spider conch) La: licker?
Lemmus lemmus (lemming) Danish/Norwegian: animal's name
Leo leo (African lion) Gk/La: lion
Lepadogaster lepadogaster (shore clingfish) La: limpet-belly
Lerwa lerwa (snow partridge) Nepali: bird's name
Leuciscus leuciscus (dace) Gk?: whitish?
Lima lima (spiny lima) La: rasp, file
Limanda limanda (dab) La: file (lime, mud)
Limosa limosa (black-tailed godwit) La: muddy
Liparis liparis (striped sea snail) Gk: fatty, shiny
Lithognathus lithognathus (white steenbras) Gk: stone jaw
Lithophaga lithophaga (common date mussel) Gk: stone-eater
Loa loa (species of nematode) Kongo: worm's name
Lota lota (burbot) La: fish's name
Lucioperca lucioperca (pike-perch) La: pike-perch
Luscinia luscinia (European or thrush nightingale) La: nightingale, singer
Lutra lutra (European otter) La: animal's name
Lutra lutra (common otter shell) La: of otters
Lynx lynx (European lynx) Gk: animal's name

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