

***amazô** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚷ Pronunciation: /'a.ma.zɔː/

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

a bunting, probably the yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*)

Etymology

Probably a secondary *n*-stem ultimately derived from **amraz*, traditionally explained as a shortening of an earlier compound ‘emmer bird’, referring to the bird's feeding on grain; compare Old High German *amaro*, explicitly an *n*-stem beside *amar* (Kluge & Seebold 1989: s.v. *Ammer*; Lloyd & Springer 1988: s.v. *amaro*¹). Alternatively, Kroonen reconstructs **amazon-* (‘bunting’) as an independent Germanic bird name (Kroonen 2013: 24).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	amazô	amazoniz
Acc.	amazonu	amazonunz
Gen.	amazoniz	amazonô
Dat.	amazini	amazammaz
Inst.	amazonê	amazammiz
Voc.	amazô	amazoniz

Descendants

amor, omer (Old English)

emer, emere (Middle English)

ammer (English)

amar, amor, amur (Old Saxon)

amar, amarling, amaring, amarzo, amerzo, amirzo (Old High German)

amer, amerlinc, amerinc, emer, emerlinc, emberiz (Middle High German)

Ammer, Emmer, Emmerling, Emmering, Emmeritz, Emmeritze (German)

amera, amarellus, ameringa, merlus, emberiza (Medieval Latin)

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