

***aurī** Runic: ᚱᚲᚲᚲᚱ Pronunciation: /'aʊ.ri:/

noun · feminine · ī/jō-stem

Meanings

a sand- or gravel-bank; a riverbank or spit of land projecting into water

Etymology

From the stem **aura-* of **auraz*, formed as a feminine ī/jō-stem. The formation belongs to a Germanic pattern of feminine terrain nouns in **-ī*, beside **albī* and **meuzī*; Old Norse *eyrr* directly continues **aurī* beside Old Norse *aurr* (Kroonen 2013: 42; van Sluis et al. 2023: 222). In North Germanic, *i/j*-umlaut regularly changed **au* > *ey*, yielding Old Norse *eyrr* (Fulk 2018: 63). Its deeper Proto-Indo-European etymology is that of **auraz* and remains uncertain; no independent Indo-European cognates can be established for **aurī* itself.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aurī	aurijōz
Acc.	aurijō	aurijōz
Gen.	aurijōz	aurijô
Dat.	aurijōi	aurijōmaz
Inst.	aurijō	aurijōmiz
Voc.	aurī	aurijōz

Descendants

eyrr (Old Norse)

- ayre** (English)
- oyri** (Faroese)
- eyri** (Icelandic)
- air** (Scots)
- tiùrr** (Scottish Gaelic)
- ör** (Swedish)

eyrr (Old Norse)

- ør** (Danish)
 - ør** (Norwegian Bokmål)

eyrr (Old Norse)

- øyr** (Norwegian Nynorsk)
 - øyr** (Norwegian Bokmål)

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