

***austraz** Runic: ᚱᚢᚳᚰᚱᚰᚱᚰ Pronunciation: /'aʊs.traz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

east, eastern

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **aʊs-tro-*, continuing a formation from the Proto-Indo-European word for ‘dawn’ **h₂éws-ōs* ~ **h₂us(-s)-és*, ultimately from **h₂ews-*, with **-tr-o-*, the zero-grade of the contrastive/relational suffix **-ter-e/o-*. EWA reconstructs Proto-Germanic **aust(e/a)ra-* (Lühr 2017: s.v. *ôstar*). Compare Younger Avestan *𐬢𐬀𐬎𐬌𐬎𐬭𐬀* (*ušastara-*) and Latin *auster*, noun-derived **-tero-* formations with an inherited possessive/oppositional function (Le Feuvre 2026). Alternatively, Gąsiorowski (2012: 121–24) derives **austra-* from **h₂áʷ(s)r-o-* > pre-Germanic **áʷs-ro-*, with **sr* > **str*; this would make **austa-* a later back-formation, contrary to EWA's independent derivation of **austa-* from **h₂ews(-s)-to-* (Lühr 2017: s.v. *ôst*).

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	austraz	austrō	austrā, -atō	austrai	austrōz	austrō
Acc.	austran̄q̄	austr̄q̄	austrā, -atō	austranz	austrōz	austrō
Gen.	austras, -is	austraizōz	austras, -is	austraizô	austraizô	austraizô
Dat.	austrammai	austraizōi	austrammai	austraimaz	austraimaz	austraimaz
Inst.	austranō	austraizō	austranō	austraimiz	austraimiz	austraimiz

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Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	austrô	austrȝ	austrô	austraniz	austrôniz	austrônō
Acc.	austranȝ	austrōnȝ	austrô	austranunz	austrōnunz	austrônō
Gen.	austriniz	austrōniz	austriniz	austranġ	austrōnġ	austranġ
Dat.	austrini	austrōni	austrini	austrammaz	austrōmaz	austrammaz
Inst.	austrinē	austrōnē	austrinē	austrammiz	austrōmiz	austrammiz

Descendants

***austr** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēast (Old English)

est (Middle English)

east (English)

***austr** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēast (Old English)

est (Old French)

est (French)

***austr** (Proto-West Germanic)

ōstar (Old High German)

ōster (Middle High German)

𐌱𐌴𐌹𐌸𐌰 (**austr**) (Old Norse)

eystur (Faroese)

austur (Icelandic)

𐌱𐌴𐌹𐌸𐌰 (**austr**) (Old Norse)

aust, auster, aust’u, aust’e (Norwegian Nynorsk)

aust (Norwegian Bokmål)

𐌱𐌴𐌹𐌸𐌰 (**austr**) (Old Norse)

øst (Old Danish)

øster, øst (Danish)

øst (Norwegian Bokmål)

øst (Norwegian Nynorsk)

𐌱𐌿𐌸𐌿𐌸 (**austr**) (Old Norse)

øster (Old Swedish)

öster (Swedish)

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