

***austrōnijaz**

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Pronunciation: /'aʊs.trɔː.ni.jəz/

adjective · ja-stem

Meanings

eastern

Etymology

From **austr-* + **-ōnijaz*, a suffix complex specialized in Proto-Germanic cardinal direction adjectives. The base continues Proto-Indo-European **h₂éws-ter-ó-s*, ultimately from **h₂ews-* (Kroonen 2013: s.v. *austera-*; Lühr 2017: s.v. *ôstar*); the **-r-* thus historically belongs to the directional base. Voyles (1992: 277) analyzes the adjective-forming element as **-rōn-*, while Shields (2008: 219–225) derives the variation **-ōn-* ~ *-rōn-* from older deictic/directional extensions followed by adjectival **-yo-*. Later evidence supports an inherited nasal element in Germanic directional morphology (Dunkel 2014: 62; Fulk 2018: 183, 189; Kroonen 2011a: 85–92). EWA instead reconstructs PGmc **-ōnija-*, with **-rōnija-* arising secondarily by metanalysis, and tentatively compares Latin *-āneus*, possibly from a common Proto-Italic/Proto-Germanic **-ān(e)yo-* from West PIE **-eh₂-(h₃)n-(e)iyo-*, though they remain non-committal regarding whether they originate from a single form. (Lühr 2017: s.v. *nordrōni*).

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl.
Nom.	austrōnijaz	austrōnijō	austrōnija, -atō	austrōnijai	austrōnijōz	aus
Acc.	austrōnijanō	austrōnijō	austrōnija, -atō	austrōnijanz	austrōnijōz	aus
Gen.	austrōnijas, -īs	austrōnijaizōz	austrōnijas, -īs	austrōnijaizô	austrōnijaizô	aus
Dat.	austrōnijammai	austrōnijaizōi	austrōnijammai	austrōnijaimaz	austrōnijaimaz	aus
Inst.	austrōnijanō	austrōnijaizō	austrōnijanō	austrōnijaimiz	austrōnijaimiz	aus

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Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	austrōnijō	austrōnijō	austrōnijō	austrōnijaniz	austrōnijōniz	austrōnijōi
Acc.	austrōnijanų	austrōnijōnų	austrōnijō	austrōnijanunz	austrōnijōnunz	austrōnijōi
Gen.	austrōnīniz	austrōnijōniz	austrōnīniz	austrōnijanô	austrōnijōnô	austrōnijai
Dat.	austrōnīni	austrōnijōni	austrōnīni	austrōnijammaz	austrōnijōmaz	austrōnijai
Inst.	austrōnīnē	austrōnijōnē	austrōnīnē	austrōnijammiz	austrōnijōmiz	austrōnijai

Descendants

- *austrōnī (Proto-West Germanic)

ēasterne (Old English)

esterne, esturne, estern, estrin, eestreen, æsterne, estren, estryn (Middle English)

eastern (English)

estrene, eistrene, eastren (Scots)
- *austrōnī (Proto-West Germanic)

āster (Old Frisian)

ōstrōnī (Old Saxon)
- *austrōnī (Proto-West Germanic)

***ōstrōni** (Old High German)

nordōstrōni (Old High German)

austrónn, austroenn (Old Norse)

eystrønur (Faroese)

austrænn (Icelandic)

austrøn (Norwegian Nynorsk)

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