

***awjō** Runic: 𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌶 Pronunciation: /'aʊ.joː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

1. wetland; floodplain, meadow
2. island

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **ahwjǣ*, a *jō*-stem derivative of **ahwō*; Ringe (2017: 130) reconstructs the development **ah^wjǣ* > **ag^wjǣ* > Proto-Germanic **aujō* (here **awjō*), while Kroonen (2013: 41–42) projects the formation as **h₂ek^w-iéh₂*. Ultimately associated with **h₂ék^weh₂*, also underlying Latin *aqua* (Lloyd & Springer 1988: s.v. *aha*¹). The deeper origin of this restricted Germanic–Italic word is disputed: Beekes (1998: 459–61) considers it an Old European substrate word, whereas Kroonen tentatively connects it with PIE **h₂ep-* (Kroonen 2013: 7, s.v. **ahwō*-). See **ahwō* for further discussion.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	awjō	awjōz
Acc.	awjō	awjōz
Gen.	awjōz	awjō
Dat.	awjōi	awjōmaz
Inst.	awjō	awjōmiz
Voc.	awjō	awjōz

Descendants

***auwju** (Proto-West Germanic)

ōi, *owe (Old Dutch)

ooy, ouwe (Middle Dutch)

Ooij, unknown: ooibos, landouw (Dutch)

***auwju** (Proto-West Germanic)

īeg, ēġ, īġ (Old English)

ei, i, ie (Middle English)

ey (English)

***auwju** (Proto-West Germanic)

ā (Old Frisian)

Äi (Saterland Frisian)

***auwju** (Proto-West Germanic)

ouwa (Old High German)

ouwe (Middle High German)

Au, Aue (German)

A (Luxembourgish)

***auwju** (Proto-West Germanic)

ōia (Old Saxon)

ouwe, ou, ow, ō (Middle Low German)

Oie (Low German)

*𐌱𐌴𐌹𐌺 (***auju**) (Proto-Norse)

ey, 𐌺 (u) (Old Norse)

-ey, -ay (English)

oyggj, oy (Faroese)

oy (Gutnish)

ey, eyja (Icelandic)

*𐌱𐌴𐌹𐌺 (***auju**) (Proto-Norse)

ey, 𐌺 (u) (Old Norse)

ø (Danish)

oe (English)

*𐌱𐌴𐌹𐌺 (***auju**) (Proto-Norse)

ey, 𐌺 (u) (Old Norse)

øy (Norwegian Nynorsk)

øy (Norwegian Bokmål)

*𐌱𐌿𐌸𐌰 (***auju**) (Proto-Norse)
|
| **ey**, 𐌿 (**u**) (Old Norse)
| |
| | **ø** (Old Swedish)
| | |
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