

***falkô** Runic: 𐌺𐌰𐌿𐌶𐌰 Pronunciation: /'fal.ko:z/

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

falcon

Etymology

Probably from a Proto-Germanic color base *fal- ‘pale, grayish, yellowish-brown’, related to *falwaz (‘pale, gray, fallow’), with a zoonymic *-k-extension, perhaps the same animal/bird-name suffix seen in *habukaz (‘hawk’), *alkō (‘a kind of sea bird, auk’), and Proto-West Germanic *kranuk (‘crane’) (Krahe & Meid 1969; Olsen 1999). A close semantic parallel is Old Prussian *pelē ‘harrier’, which (Mažiulis 1996) explains as a color-based bird name meaning ‘the grayish/brownish one’, from Proto-Baltic *pelā-/pela- ‘grayish, brownish’, ultimately from Proto-Balto-Slavic **(s)pel-* ‘shine weakly, shimmer’. Mažiulis explicitly connects Old Prussian **palvē* (Proto-Baltic **palva-*;) (Proto-Baltic **palva-*;; ‘grayish, brownish’) with Proto-Germanic *falwaz and favors a Proto-Indo-European verbal root **(s)p(H)el-* ‘shine weakly, shimmer’.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	falkô	falkaniz
Acc.	falkanų	falkanunz
Gen.	falkiniz	falkanô
Dat.	falkini	falkammaz
Inst.	falkinē	falkammiz
Voc.	falkô	falkaniz

Descendants

***falkō** (Proto-West Germanic)

falcō (Late Latin)

***falkō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***falco** (Old Dutch)

valke (Middle Dutch)

valk (Dutch)

***falkō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***fealca**, ***falca** (Old English)

falk, **fylkere** (Middle English)

falk, **fauk**, **faik**, **facky**, **feckie** (Scots)

***falkō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***falka** (Old Frisian)

Falke (Saterland Frisian)

falk (West Frisian)

***falkō** (Proto-West Germanic)

falco, **falko**, **falcho**, **falc** (Old High German)

valke (Middle High German)

Falke, **Falk** (German)

Fallek (Luxembourgish)

***falkō** (Proto-West Germanic)

falko (Old Saxon)

falke, **valke** (Middle Low German)

falki (Old Norse)

Faulkj (Plautdietsch)

***falkō** (Proto-West Germanic)

falko (Old Saxon)

falke, **valke** (Middle Low German)

Falk (Low German)

falkr (Old Norse)

falk (Danish)

falkur (Faroese)

falk (Swedish)

falk (Norwegian Bokmål)

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