

*swalwō

Runic: ᚱ ᚱ ᚱ ᚱ ᚱ ᚱ

Pronunciation: /'swal.wõ:/

noun · feminine · ōn-stem

Meanings

swallow (bird)

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly related to Russian соловей (solověj, ‘nightingale’). Possibly related to Ancient Greek ἀλκυών (*alkuōn*) (alkuōn, ‘kingfisher’), in which case the corresponding PGmc reconstruction would be *swalhwō.

Kroonen compares *sūliz (‘column, pillar’) and *sūljaną (‘to insert a wedge-shaped piece into an incision’), explaining that the gannet and swallow were named for their wedge-shaped tails. In this case, the original form *swoHl-weh₂- would have developed into *swalwō by Dybo's law.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	swalwō	swalwōniz
Acc.	swalwōnų	swalwōnunz
Gen.	swalwōniz	swalwōnô
Dat.	swalwōni	swalwōmaz
Inst.	swalwōnē	swalwōmiz
Voc.	swalwō	swalwōniz

Descendants

***swalwā** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***swalwa**, ***swalawa** (Old Dutch)

swalwe, **swalewe** (Middle Dutch)

zwaluw, **zwalv**, **zwavel**, **zwalver**, **zwalm** (Dutch)

swael (Afrikaans)

***swalwā** (Proto-West Germanic)

swealwe, **swealewe** (Old English)

swalwe, **swalewe**, **swalowe**, **swhalow**, **sualow**, **swalow**, **swalue**, **swolwe**, **swaluwe**,
 swalew, **swalugh** (Middle English)

swallow (English)

swalla, **swallae** (Scots)

***swalwā** (Proto-West Germanic)

swale (Old Frisian)

swaal, **swul**, **swol** (North Frisian)

Swoalke, **Swoolke** (Saterland Frisian)

swel (West Frisian)

***swalwā** (Proto-West Germanic)

swalawa (Old High German)

swalwe (Middle High German)

Schwalme (Alemannic German)

śwojmła (Vilamovian)

***swalwā** (Proto-West Germanic)

swalawa (Old High German)

swalwe (Middle High German)

Schwalleb, **Schwallef**, **Schmallef**, **Schmollef**, **Schmorbel**, **Schmärbel**, **Schmälwer**,
 Schwalwer, **Schwalfter**, **Schwarbel**, **Schwawel**, **Schwaal** (Central Franconian)

Schwalleb (Hunsrik)

Schmuewel, **Schmuebel**, **Schmuelef** (Luxembourgish)

***swalwā** (Proto-West Germanic)

swalawa (Old High German)

swalwe (Middle High German)

Schwalbe (German)

schwalbe (Dutch)

šwalbkowate (Silesian)

***swalwā** (Proto-West Germanic)

swala (Old Saxon)

swale (Middle Low German)

swaalfe (Dutch Low Saxon)

Schwaale (German Low German)

svala (Old Norse)

såla (Elfdalian)

svala (Faroese)

svale (Gutnish)

svala (Icelandic)

?, svale (Norwegian)

svala (Scanian)

svala (Old Norse)

swalæ, swolæ (Old Danish)

svale, sole (Danish)

svala (Old Norse)

svala (Old Swedish)

svala (Swedish)

***svālfō** (Proto-Samic)

spálfu (Northern Sami)

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