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n.

1. See [lammergeier](#).
2. *Archaic* An osprey.

[Latin *ossifraga*, from *ossifragus*, bone-breaking : *os*, *oss-*, bone; see **ost-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *frangere*, to break; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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