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adj.

Overlapping at the base to form a flat, fanlike arrangement in two ranks, as the leaves of some irises.

[Latin *equitāns*, *equitant*-, present participle of *equitāre*, to ride horseback, from *eques*, *equit*-, horseman, from *equus*, horse; see **ekwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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