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n.

A hairlike feather having few or no barbs, usually located between contour feathers.

[Latin *fĭlum*, thread; see **g^{Wh}**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + [PLUME](#).]

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