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n.

Any of various passerine birds of the suborder Passeri (formerly Oscines); a songbird.

[From New Latin *Oscinēs*, former suborder name, from Latin *oscinēs*, pl. of *oscen*, bird used in augury; see **kan-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

os·cine *adj.*

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