

Reconstruction:Proto-Slavic/svojь



This Proto-Slavic entry contains **reconstructed words and roots**. As such, the term(s) in this entry are not directly attested, but are hypothesized to have existed based on comparative evidence.

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Proto-Slavic

Etymology

From [Proto-Balto-Slavic](#) **swaias*, from [Proto-Indo-European](#) **swoyos* from **swé*. Cognate with [Old Prussian](#) *swais*, [Lithuanian](#) *savas*, [Latvian](#) *savs*, [Latgalian](#) *sovs*, [Latin](#) *suus*, [German](#) *sein*, [Old Norse](#) *sik* (“oneself”), [Gothic](#) *SYES* (*swēs*, “one’s own”), [Sanskrit](#) *स्व* (*sva*, “one’s own”)

PIE word

*swé

Determiner

***svojь**

- one's own (his, her, its, their own)

Declension

Declension of **svojь* (soft pronominal)

Singular	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
<i>Nominative</i>	*svojь	*svoja	*svoje
<i>Accusative</i>	*svojь	*svojǫ	*svoje
<i>Genitive</i>	*svojego	*svojeje	*svojego
<i>Locative</i>	*svojemь	*svojejbь	*svojemь
<i>Dative</i>	*svojemu	*svojejbь	*svojemu
<i>Instrumental</i>	*svojimь	*svojejo	*svojimь
Dual	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
<i>Nominative</i>	*svoja	*svoji	*svoji
<i>Accusative</i>	*svoja	*svoji	*svoji
<i>Genitive</i>	*svojeju	*svojeju	*svojeju

<i>Locative</i>	*svojeju	*svojeju	*svojeju
<i>Dative</i>	*svojima	*svojima	*svojima
<i>Instrumental</i>	*svojima	*svojima	*svojima
Plural	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
<i>Nominative</i>	*svoji	*svoje	*svoja
<i>Accusative</i>	*svoje	*svoje	*svoja
<i>Genitive</i>	*svojiхъ	*svojiхъ	*svojiхъ
<i>Locative</i>	*svojiхъ	*svojiхъ	*svojiхъ
<i>Dative</i>	*svojimъ	*svojimъ	*svojimъ
<i>Instrumental</i>	*svojami	*svojami	*svojami

Declension of the personal pronouns

Singular	1st person	2nd person	Reflexive
<i>Nominative</i>	*jǎzъ, *jà	*tŷ	—
<i>Accusative</i>	*mĕ	*tĕ	*sĕ
<i>Genitive</i>	*mĕne	*tĕbe	*sĕbe
<i>Locative</i>	*mьně	*tebĕ	*sebĕ
<i>Dative</i>	*mьně, *mi	*tebĕ, *ti	*sebĕ, *si
<i>Instrumental</i>	*mьnòjò, *mьnojò	*tobòjò, *tobojò	*sobòjò, *sobojò
<i>Possessive</i>	*mojь	*tvojь	*svojь
Dual	1st person	2nd person	Reflexive
<i>Nominative</i>	*vĕ	*vŷ	—
<i>Accusative</i>	*nâ	*vâ	*sĕ
<i>Genitive</i>	*nâju	*vâju	*sĕbe
<i>Locative</i>	*nâju	*vâju	*sebĕ
<i>Dative</i>	*nâma, *na	*vâma, *va	*sebĕ, *si
<i>Instrumental</i>	*nâma	*vâma	*sobòjò, *sobojò
<i>Possessive</i>	*našь	*vašь	*svojь
Plural	1st person	2nd person	Reflexive
<i>Nominative</i>	*mŷ	*vŷ	—
<i>Accusative</i>	*nŷ	*vŷ	*sĕ
<i>Genitive</i>	*nâsъ	*vâsъ	*sĕbe
<i>Locative</i>	*nâsъ	*vâsъ	*sebĕ
<i>Dative</i>	*nâmъ, *ny	*vâmъ, *vy	*sebĕ, *si
<i>Instrumental</i>	*nâmi	*vâmi	*sobòjò, *sobojò
<i>Possessive</i>	*našь	*vašь	*svojь

Derived terms

- *svojakъ (“relative, cousin”)
- *svojtъba (“family, kin, relatives”)

Descendants

- East Slavic:
 - Belarusian: свой (svoj)
 - Russian: свой (svoj)
 - Ukrainian: свій (svij)

- South Slavic:
 - Old Church Slavonic: СВОИ (svoi)
 - Bulgarian: своѣ (svoj)
 - Macedonian: свој (svoj)
 - Serbo-Croatian:

Cyrillic: свѣј

Latin: svôj

- Slovene: svój (*tonal orthography*)
- West Slavic:
 - Czech: svŭj
 - Kashubian: swój
 - Polish: swój
 - Slovak: svoj
 - Sorbian:
 - Lower Sorbian: swój
 - Upper Sorbian: swój

Further reading

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