

On North Saami plant names with the prefix *beana* 'dog'

In this article, I present 16 North Saami plant names with the prefix *beana* 'dog' (it's Genitive form *beatnat-*). In my paper, I examine the Latin, Norwegian, Finnish and Hungarian names of plants in addition to North Saami. I also attempt to make a contrastive analysis of the naming motivations of the individual languages.

On the basis of the study, it can be said that all of the North Saami compounds contain the prefix *beana-* 'dog-', and the suffixes contain some general plant names (e.g. *ávji* 'hay', *danjas* 'rod', *guoita* 'grain') or the name of some specific plants (*boska* 'cow parsley, *Anthriscus sylvestris*'; *giel dá* 'ground cedar, *Diphasium complanatum*').

When examining the naming motivation of North Saami names, it can be observed that the prefix 'dog' mostly expresses the worthlessness and uselessness of the plant.

The most striking result of the contrastive study is that in seven cases, the word 'dog' can only be found in North Saami names which means that they are clearly names of internal origin, in which case conscious terminological development can be suspected.

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