

## M

**m** (W) phonetics

- m-** from **b-** by nasal mutation 5
- m-** from **sm-** (eCelt) 4
- m-** mutated to **f-** 354, 364, 367, 375, 378, 435
- m-** (eCelt) becomes **f** 5
- m** (eCelt) becomes **f** or **w** after **l** or **r** 5

**m'** *see* **m(h)ac**; **mo**

**(-)m-** *see* **mo**

**-m** (nominal suffix; *see* Calder §131 pp185-6) 259

**ma** (eW), mutated **fa** (W) place, plain 4, 363, **378**, 383, 500, 502 *see also* **maes**; **m(h)agh**; **magos**

**ma-** *see* **mael** (lad); **mo**

**ma(-)** *see* **m(h)agh**; **maith**; **M(h)aol**

**-ma-** *see* **m(h)ac**; **mo**

**maban** (W) babe 400

**Mabon** (Br, W), **maponos** (eCelt) (mythical and pers name: 'boy, male child, youth') 2, 181, 400

**m(h)ac**, **macc-** (eCelt?); gen **mhic**, **mic** (OIr), **meic** (Mlr), **maic** (eG), Angl **-c-**, **m'**, **-ma-**, **-mic-**  
 gen pl **m(h)ac**, Angl **-ma-**, **-mack-**, **-y-** lad, son, youth (*references only to uses in place-names*)  
**m(h)ac** (nom sg or gen pl) 137, 166, 204, 220, 237, 238, 283, 303, 305, 382, 409, 417  
**macc-** 197n2  
**mhic** 124, 238, 283, 303, 305, 408, 409, 484  
**mic** 166  
**meic** 99, 277n3, 507  
**maic** 166, 508  
 Angl forms: **-c-** 238  
     **m'** 304 etc  
     **-ma-** (nom sg or gen sg) 137, 166, 204, 238, 305, 382, 409  
     **-mack-** 220  
     **-y-** 238  
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**mac cridhe** *see* **c(h)ridhe**

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**maccu** (OIr), **moccu** (OIr) ('gentilic term') 166, 283, 522 add n508 *see also* **m(h)ac**

**machair**, Angl *machri-*; pl **machraichean** beach, lowland, plain, (Hebridean) sea-plain 30, 41, 110, 506

**-mack-** *see* **m(h)ac**

**mad** (Br, W), Angl *?mal(t)-, ?math-* good 403 *see also* **maith**

**madadh, matad** (O&MIr); gen **mhadaidh** dog, wolf 250, 420

**madattu** (O&MIr), **matadtu** (O&MIr) currishness, place of dogs 517 add n250 *see also* **-dadh**

**mael, ma-** lad, servant (*references only to uses in place-names or directly relevant to them*)  
262, 287-8, 347, 420 *see also* **M(h)aol**

**máel** *see* **mál**

**mael-** (Br) *see* **maol**

**maen** (W), mutated **faen**, **min-** (Br), **?mhionn-** (eG); pl **meini** stone 104, 181, 354, 359, 375, 387-8

**maenor** (W) chief's stone residence 383

**maer** *see* **maor**

**maeroni** (eW) stewardship 110 *see also* **maor**

**maes** (Br, Corn, W), **gages-** (eCelt), **mes** (Corn), **meaz** (Bret), mutated **faes**, Angl *moss-* field, plain  
364, 377-8 *see also* **ma**; **m(h)agh**; **magos** (plain)

**mag** (OIr), **magos** (eCelt), **-magios** (eCelt), **-magus** (Gaul), **MAGNUS** great, mighty, potent 22

**mag** (plain) *see* **m(h)agh**; **magos** (great)

**gages-** *see* **maes**

**m(h)agh, mag** (OIr), **-bhach** (eIr), **-bha** (eG), Angl *ma-, maw-, mo-, moy, mu-, ?-oa, ?va(h), -way*;  
gen **m(h)uighe, m(h)oighe, maigi** (OIr), **maig(h)e** (eIr), Angl *-may, -moy, -muie*;  
dat **m(h)(a)igh, m(h)oigh, m(h)u(a)igh, -mhoich**, Angl *muie-, moy-, -och, -vich, -vie, -vy, -way*;  
field, plain  
**m(h)agh** 4, 18, 22, 41, 69n1, 92, 108-9, 123, 139, 145, 193, 220, 241, 242-3, 270, 378, 393, 495,  
500-3, 506, 522 add n502  
**mag** 4, 38, 92, 109, 115, 168, 243, 502, 522 add n502  
**-bhach** 123  
**-bha** 502-3  
**m(h)uighe, m(h)oighe** 38, 393n1, 500, 501, 502

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**maigi, maig(h)e** 38, 108-9, 193, 210  
**m(h)(a)igh** 502-3  
**m(h)uigh, m(h)uaigh, m(h)oigh** 109, 406, 500-1  
**-mhoich** 123, 378, 445, 501  
 Angl forms: **ma-** 145, 500  
     **maw-** 500  
     **mo-** 243  
     **mu-** 241  
     **-oa, -va(h)** 502  
     **-vie, -vy** 502, 503  
     **-way** (nom) 502  
     **-may** 378  
     **muie-, -muie** (gen and dat) 139, 501  
     **moy-, -och, -vich, -way** (dat) 501  
*see also* **ma; maes; magos** (plain); **maighín**

**-magios** *see* **mag** (great)

**maglos** *see* **mál**

**magos** (eCelt) a plain 4, 22, **38**, 88, 377-8, 488, 495, 500-2  
*see also* **ma; maes; m(h)agh**

**magos, -magus** *see* **mag** (great)

**mahel** *see* **mál**

**mai(o)-** (eCelt) ? ('the meaning ... is not known' WJW) 58

**maic** *see* **m(h)ac**

**-maiden** *see* **Etáin**

**maige** *see* **m(h)agh**

**maigen** *see* **m(h)aighin**

**maighe** *see* **m(h)agh**

**m(h)aighin, mhuin, -ainn, maigen** (OIr), Angl **-ven** place, spot 388

**maighín** little plain 388 *see also* **-ín; m(h)agh**

**maigi** *see* **m(h)agh**

**mail-, -mail** *see* **maol**

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**mailing** *see* **maoilinn**

**Màillidh**, Angl **-maldie**, **-mallie**, **-maly** (saint's name) 290

**-main** *see* **meadhon**

**maio-** *see* **mai(o)-**

**maircnidh**, Angl **-markie** horse stream 441, 496 *see also* **-idh**; **marc**; **-n-**

**maith**, Angl **ma-** good, noble 305, 392, 439 *see also* **mad**

**mal(t)-** *see* **mad**

**mál** (OIr), **máel**, **maglos** (eCelt), **mahel** (OW); gen **mháil** a chief, noble, prince 22, 305, 450, 520 add n327  
*see also* **mael**

**Malaios** *see* **Muile**

**malc** putrefy 460

**-maldie** *see* **Màillidh**

**Malea** *see* **Muile**

**-mallie** *see* **Màillidh**

**malt-** *see* **mad**

**-maly** *see* **Màillidh**

**-man** *see* **monadh**

**manach**; gen (a') **mhanaich**, Angl **-van(n)ich**; gen pl **m(h)anach**, Angl **-manno**, **-mannoch** monk  
153-4, 182, 203, 262, 267, 299

**-mannan** *see* **meannán**

**-manno**, **-mannoch** *see* **manach**

**m(h)aoil** *see* **maol**; **M(h)aol-**

**Maoile** *see* **Muile**

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**maoilinn**, Angl *mailing*; gen (a') **mhaoilinn** bare round hillock 146 *see also* **-inn**; **maol**

**m(h)aoirne** stewartry 111 *see also* **maor**

**-maok** *see* **Aedóc**

**maol**, **-mael**, **mail-** (?Br), Angl *-mail*, *mel-*, *-mole*; dat **maoil**

(1) (adj) bald, bare, blunt (2) (noun) bare rounded hill, height 146, 182, 402, 405, 480, 496  
*see also* **moel**

**M(h)aol-**, **Móel**, Angl *ma-*, *-mul-*; gen **mhao(i)l** servant, shaveling (prefix to pers names)  
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**maon** dumb 238

**maor**, **maer** (OIr), **maer** (W); gen **mhaoir** officer, steward 110-11, 264n1, 413

**maorsachd**, **maorsainneachd**, **maorachd** (Ir) stewardship 110

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**marbh**; gen pl **marbh**, Angl *-marrow*, *-marry* dead man 146

**marbhadh**; gen **m(h)arbhaidh**, Angl *?-marvie* slaughter 146

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**Marnichty** (eScots) office of a **maor** (steward) 111n1

**-marnock** *see* **Ernóc**

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**m\_ros** (eCelt, Gaul), **m\_r** big, great 22, 79, 81, 87, 249, 256, 515 add n81 *see also* **mawr**; **m(h)ór**

**-marrow, -marry** *see* **marbh**

**Martuinn**, Angl **-martin** (saint's name) 291

**-marvie** *see* **marbhadh**

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**matadtu** *see* **madattu**

**math-** *see* **mad**

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**mawl** *see* **moladh**

**mawr**, mutated **fawr** big 374, 456 *see also* **m\_ros**; **m(h)ór**

**May** *see* **méidhe**; **méthe**

**-may** *see* **m(h)agh**

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**meachdann**; gen **mheachdainn** ? (Dwelly: 'small rod, shoot, twig') 484

**meadh-, miodh-, miogh-, mid-** (OIr) mid- 117-8

**meadhon, medon** (eIr, eG), Angl **-main, -medden**; gen **mheadhoín** middle 102n1, 387, 403-4, 410, 412

**meadhonach**, Angl **-meanach, -minnoch** mid-, middle 182, 349, 400, 403 *see also* **-ach**

**meall** lumpy hill, mass, mount 399, 402, 404, 406, 418, 479, 505

**-meanach** *see* **meadhonach**

**meann**; gen pl **meann** kid 470

**meannán**, Angl **-mannan** kid 103 *see also* **-án**

**meaz** *see* **maes**

**medd** (W) mead 387

**medden** *see* **meadhon**

**méde** *see* **méidhe**

**medon** *see* **meadhon**

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**méidhe** (Ir), **mé(i)de** (MÍr), Angl ?**May** neck, stump, trunk 514 add n59

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**mèirleach**; gen pl **mèirleach** thief 482, 485, 495

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**mhacáig** ?('obscure to me' WJW) 413

**mhadaidh** *see* **madadh**

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**mhaoir** *see* **maor**

**mharbhaidh** *see* **marbhadh**

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**mhe** *see mo*

**mheachdainn** *see meachdann*

**mheadhoin** *see meadhon*

**mhic** *see m(h)ac*

**mhigh** *see m(h)agh*

**mhiola** *see miol*

**mhine** *see min (meal)*

**mhionn-** *see maen*

**-mhoich** *see m(h)agh*

**mhóid** *see mód*

**mhoigh, mhoighe** *see m(h)agh*

**mhóir, mhóire** *see m(h)ór*

**mhonaidh** *see m(h)onadh*

**mhór** *see muir*

**mhorghain** *see morghan*

**mhuaigh** *see m(h)agh*

**mhuaic, mhuaice** *see muc*

**mhuigh, mhuighe** *see m(h)agh*

**mhuilinn** *see muileann*

**mhuin** *see m(h)aighin; m(h)onadh*

**Mhuire** *see Moire*

**Mhunna** *see Fintán*

**mhur** *see muir*

**mhurbhlaig** *see* **murbhlag**

**mic**, *-mic-* *see* **m(h)ac**

**mid-** *see* **meadh-**

**m(h)ig-**, **mig** (W), **mign** (W); pl **mignoedd** bog, quagmire 374-6, 380

**migear** boggy place 376 *see also* **-ar** (collective suffix)

**mign** *see* **m(h)ig**

**mignen** (W) bog 374 *see also* **m(h)ig**

**mignoedd** *see* **m(h)ig**

**migwyn** (W) white moss on bogs 374 *see also* **gwyn**; **m(h)ig**

**mìle**; gen **mìle** mile 484

**mìlìdh**; gen **m(h)ilìdh**, Angl *-mylie* warrior 371

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**min**; gen **mhine**, Angl *-vin* ground meal 411

**min-** *see* **maen**

**mín** smooth plain 104

*-mingan* *see* **Finnén**

**minid**, **minit** *see* **mynydd**

*minni-* *see* **m(h)òin**; **muine**

*-minnoch* *see* **meadhonach**

**mìodh-**, **mìogh-** *see* **meadh-**

**mìol**; gen **m(h)iola**, Angl *?-mail* wild animal such as a hare 402

**mion** little, small 396

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**mo, m', ma, mha, mhe**, Angl *(-)m-*, *-ma-* my (honorific with saints' names)

**mo** 123, 149, 152, 162, 163, 187, 189, 197, 278, 279, 291-3, 295, 304, 305, 307, 310n2, 314, 318, 321, 323, 329, 331, 333, 429, 447, 518 add n292

**m'** 123, 163, 165, 187, 289 etc

**ma** 163, 262, 288-9, 301, 311, 420, 519 add n324 etc

**mha, mhe** 333

Angl forms: *(-)m-* 123

*-ma-* 161, 196-7, 278, 279, 292, 293, 303, 304, 305, 306, 309, 315, 327, 331

**moccu** *see* **macc-**

**moch** (W) swine 364, 428, 441 *see also* **muc**

**mód, mhóid** moot 271

**moel**, mutated **foel** (W) bare 367, 369 *see also* **maol**

**Móel** *see* **M(h)aol**

**moigh, moighe** *see* **m(h)agh**

**m(h)òin, m(h)òine**, Angl ?*minni-*, *mon-* bog, moss 200, 201, 255, 379, 381, 395, 403, 490

**mòinteach** boggy moor 490 *see also* **-ach**

**moir-** *see* **muir**

**Moire, Muire**; gen **M(h)oire, M(h)uire**, Angl *-muir* Mary 101, 504

**móir(e)** *see* **m(h)ór**

**moir-** *see* **muir**

**moladh, mawl** (W) praise 38

*-mole* *see* **maol**

*mollin-* *see* **muilean**

**molt(o)-** *see* **mult**

*mon-* *see* **bonn; bun; m(h)òin; m(h)onadh**

**m(h)onadh, moníjo-** (eCelt), **monid** (OIr), **monad** (eG), **mon** (Perths etc dial),

Angl *-man, mon-, mona-, -mond, mont, month, -mony, mount-, mun-*;

gen **m(h)onaidh, bhinn, mhuin, monaig(h), monaid** (eG), Angl *-vonie*

(1) hill, hill-ground, mount (2) hill pasture (3) heath, moor

**m(h)onadh** sense (1) 320, **391-8**, 400-7, 484, 506

sense (2) 113, 391

sense (3) 120, 496

**moníjo-** 391 *see also* **mynydd**

**monid** (OIr) 391, 401

**monad** 320, 397, 401, 496

**mon** 113, **391**, 396, 398, 496

**m(h)onaidh** 393-4, 402, 404, 406

**bhinn, mhuin** 397 *see also* **beann**

**monaig(h)** 397, 401

**monaid** 397

Angl forms: **-man** 404, 406

**mon-** 396

**mona-** 403

**-mond** 404

**mont** 120, 320, 401, 403, 405, 406, 496

**month** 403, 404

**-mony** 406

**mount-** 400, 403, 405

**mun-** 404

**-vonie** 406

*see also* **mynydd**

**moned, monid** (OW) *see* **mynydd**

**mor** *see* **muir**

**m(h)ór**, Angl *more, mur-*; gen **m(h)óir**, fem **m(h)óire**; dat **m(h)óir** big, great, greatly

**m(h)ór** 38, 83, 92, 105, 123, 124, 142, 193, 236, 243, 249, 273, 279, 282, 395, 404, 413, 455, 495, 501

**m(h)óir(e)** (gen) 261, 379

**m(h)óir** (dat) 416

Angl forms: **more** 142, 144, 236, 249, 260, 382

**mur-** 413

*see also* **m\_ros; mawr**

**Mór** (female name) 329

**mora** *see* **muir**

**-morack, Móraig** *see* **Móróc**

**morair**; gen (a') **mhorair** earl 30, 486n1

**more** *see* **m(h)ór**

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**morfa** *see* -fa; **muir**

**Morganach**; gen **Mhorganaigh**, Angl ?-*mornie* man of Clan Morgan 239 *see also* -ach

**morghán**; gen (a') **mhorgain** shingle 483 *see also* **muir**

**mori-** *see* **muir**

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*morr-* *see* **muir**

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*moss-* *see* **maes**

*mount-* *see* **monadh**

*mu-* *see* m(h)agh

**muaigh** *see* m(h)agh

**muc**, **mucc(o)-** (eCelt), **muccn-** (OIr), Angl -*muck*, *mucko-*; gen **m(h)uic(e)** pig, swine  
138, 147, 224n2, 231, 232, 250, 376, 397, 411, 420, 421, 440, 441, 484, 502, 503, 517 add n250,  
518 add n279  
*see also* **moch**

**mucarach** *see* **mucrach**

**mucaran** *see* -an (locative suffix); **muc**

**mucc** *see* **muc**

**muccaid** swineherd 518 add n279

\***muccatu**, **muccnatu** *see* -**adaidh**; **muc**

**mucco-** *see* **muc**

**mucde** *see* -idh; **muc**

**mucrach, mucarach**, Angl *-muckerach* place of swine 138, 147, 420 *see also* -ach; **muc**

*-muck* *see* **muc**

*-muckerach* *see* **mucrach**

*mucko-*, *muice* *see* **muc**

**muie, muigh, muighe** *see* **m(h)agh**

**Muile, Malaios** (eCelt), **Malea (INSULA) (Br), Maile** (eG); earlier gen **Maoile** Mull 38, 503  
*see also* **Muileach**

**muileach** beloved, dear 38 *see also* -ach

**Muileach** of Mull 38, 496 *see also* -ach; **Muile**

**muileann**, Angl *mollin-*; gen **m(h)uilinn, muilne, mulenn** (eG), Angl *-millan, -voulin, -vullin* mill  
203, 234, 236, 270, 386, 408, 411, 423

**muin**; gen **mhuin** (1) back, neck (2) mount 98-9n3, 109, 391

**muine**, Angl ?*minni-* (1) brake, copse, shrubbery (2) ?mountain 200, 391, 498

**muinntir**; gen **mhuinntir** community, folk 83

**muir**; compositional forms **m(h)or, mhur-, moir-, mori-** (eCelt), **mur-** (Ir), **mor-** (W), Angl *morr-, mur(r)-*;  
gen **mora** sea  
**muir** 11, 79-82, 93-4, 115, 123, 161, 501, 515 add n81, 517 add n238  
**m(h)or** 115-6, 123, 445, 501  
**mhur-** 80, 517 add n238  
**moir-, mori-** 115-16  
**mur-** 123  
**mor-** (W) 123, 378, 501  
**mora** 94n1  
Angl forms: *morr-, mur(r)-* 501

**muir** (Scots) moor, plain 116

*-muir* *see* **Moire**

**muirbolc** *see* **murbhlag**

**muirchú**; gen **murchan** (eG), **murchon** (eG) sea-hound, otter 94 *see also* **chù; muir**

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**Muireadhach** (eG); gen **Mhuirich** (IG), Angl **-morich** (saint's name) 293

**Muirgéis**; gen ?**mhurchuis** sea-swan (pers n) 517 add n238 *see also* **géis**; **muir**

**Muirgus**; gen ?**mhurchuis** sea-choice (pers n) 517 add n238 *see also* **muir**

**-mul-** *see* **M(h)aol-**

**mulenn** *see* **muileann**

**mullach** top 180

**mult, molt(o)-** (eCelt) wedder, castrated ram 16n1, 502

**mun-** *see* **bun**; **monadh**

**-mun, Mundu, Munnu** *see* **Fintán**

**mûr** (W), **MURUS** wall 354, 370

**mur-** *see* **muir**

**mur-** *see* **m(h)ór**; **muir**

**murbhach** *see* **m(h)agh**; **muir**

**murbhalgan, murbhlagan, mur'lagan** little sea-bay 80-1 *see also* **b(h)alg**; **muir**

**murbhlag, muirbolc** (OIr, eG), **mur'lag, murbholg** (Ir); gen **mhurbhlaig**, Angl **-vorlich**  
'sea-bag', sea-bay, inlet 79-82, 515 add n81 *see also* **b(h)alg**; **muir**

**murbhlagan** *see* **murbhalgan**

**murbholg** *see* **murbhlag**

**Murchadh**; gen **Murchaidh**, Angl **-murchie** (pers name) 409

**murchan, murchon** *see* **muirchú**

**-murchie** *see* **Murchadh**

**murlach**; gen **murlach** dogfish 79 *see also* **muir**

**mur'lag** *see* **murbhlag**

**mur'lagan** *see* **murbhalgan**

**murr-** *see* **muir**

**musach, mosach** nasty 445, 517 add n250

**mws** (W) rank, stale, stinking 445, 517 add n250

**mwyn** (W) dear, kind 169

**-mylie** *see* **mílidh**

**mynydawc** (OW) of the Highlands, of the mountain 392-3 *see also* **-ach**; **monadh**; **mynydd**

**mynydd** (W), mutated **fynydd**, **vynydd**, **moníjo** (eCelt), **moned** (?Br), **monid** (OW), **minit** (eW),  
**minid** (eW), mutated **-uynid** (eW), **monid** (OBret), **menit** (OCorn), **menedh** (Corn)

(1) height, moor, mountain, upland (2) common, wild unenclosed land

**mynydd** 103, 293n2, 341, 343, **391**, 398, 400

**fynydd** 114, 344, 350, 402, 403, 405

**vynydd** 343

**moníjo** 391

**moned** 401-2

**monid** (OW) 180, 391, 401

**minit** 113, 340, 341, **391**, 399

**minid** 196

**-uynid** 343

**monid** (OBret), **menit**, **menedh** 391

*see also* **monadh**