

Dear C. N. Via,

thank you for your inquiry about Hungarian names, this is an exciting area of research.

You have asked about masculine given names related to hunting, bowmanship or more distantly to predators. In the Hungarian given name stock, there are names of Hungarian origin or categorized as “old Hungarian” that are not of Hungarian origin but were already used by Hungarians in the early times of our history in Europe and also names that were borrowed from Indo European languages (mostly English and German) and shaped according to the rules of the Hungarian language system.

With the tool of [Utónévkereső](#) (Hungarian Given Name Finder) we found these matches:

Levente old Hungarian meaning ‘little being’ or ‘hunter’ (it is among the a top ten given name nowadays)

Nimród is a biblical name of insecure origin, meaning ‘hunter’ (it is a very frequent name nowadays)

Adolf of Germanic origin meaning ‘noble + wolf’ (very rare)

Bardó of German origin, dithematic name meaning ‘hatchet + wolf’ (only some occurrences)

Konor of the English origin The base is an Irish name *Conchobar* meaning ‘dog-friend, wolf-friend’ (very rare)

Kurd old Hungarian name of Turkish origin meaning ‘wolf’ (some occurrences)

Ralf of English origin, the base is the Germanic dithematic name *Radwulf*, *Radulf*, *Radolf* meaning ‘divine advice’ or ‘decision + wolf’ (extremely rare)

Randolf of English origin, the base is the German dithematic name *Randolf* meaning ‘shield + wolf’ (some occurrences)

Rudolf of German origin, the base is a Germanic dithematic name meaning ‘glory’ or ‘reputation + wolf’ (quite rare nowadays, but it was moderately frequent in the 20th century)

Volfram of Germanic origin, dithematic name of ‘wolf + raven’ (some occurrences)

There are several names related to the national bird of Hungary, the saker falcon (*Falco cherrug* Gray; *kerecsensólyom* in Hungarian), as the Turul, a mythological bird, was probably of this species.

Ákos old Hungarian name of Turkish origin meaning ‘white falcon’ (very frequent)

Csongor old Hungarian name of Turkish origin meaning ‘falcon’ (moderately frequent)

Kerecsen old Hungarian name meaning ‘saker falcon’ (very rare)

Solymár old Hungarian name of Hungarian origin meaning ‘someone dealing with a falcon’ (some occurrences)
Tiván old Hungarian name of Turkish origin derived from a falcon-like bird’s name (some occurrences)

Torontál old Hungarian name of Turkish origin meaning ‘little falcon’ (some occurrences)

Turul old Hungarian name of Turkish origin derived from the name of a falcon-like bird of prey some think it means ‘Eurasian goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)’ (some occurrences)

Names related to the bird eagle:

Adolár of Germanic origin, dithematic name meaning ‘noble + eagle’ (some occurrences)

Árden of Latin origin meaning ‘enthusiastic, eager’ or ‘someone from the valley of eagles’ (some occurrences)

Arnold of Germanic origin, dithematic name meaning ‘eagle + ruler’ or ‘active’ (quite rare nowadays, but it was moderately frequent in the past decades)

Arvid of Norwegian origin meaning ‘eagle + man’ or ‘eagle + thunder’ (some occurrences)

Árvin of Germanic origin, dithematic name meaning ‘eagle + friend’ (some occurrences)

Kartal old Hungarian name of Hungarian origin ‘eagle’ (very rare)

Names meaning ‘lion’:

Ariel of Hebrew origin meaning ‘lion of God’ (very rare)

Arszlán old Hungarian name of Turkish origin meaning ‘lion’ (some occurrences)

Ászlán of Turkish origin meaning ‘lion’ (some occurrences)

Dilen meaning ‘someone like a lion’ or ‘faithful man’ (very rare)

Dilon of Celtic origin meaning ‘someone like a lion’ or ‘faithful man’ (some occurrences)

Hamza of Arabic origin meaning ‘strong’ or ‘persistent’ or ‘lion’ (very rare)

Kolin of English origin meaning ‘puppy’ or ‘lion cub’ (very rare)

Leandró of Portuguese or Spanish origin meaning ‘lion + man’ (extremely rare)

Leándrosz of Greek origin meaning ‘lion + man’ (some occurrences)

Leó of Latin origin meaning ‘lion’ (quite rare)

Leon of Greek origin meaning ‘lion’ (very rare)

Leonárd of Germanic origin, dithematic name meaning ‘lion + strong’ or ‘courageous’ (very rare)

Leonárdó of Italian origin meaning ‘lion + strong’ or ‘courageous’ (quite rare)

Leonid of Greek origin meaning 'lion's son' (some occurrences)

Leonidász of Greek origin meaning 'lion's son' or 'Leon's son' (very rare)

Oszama of Arabic origin meaning 'lion' (some occurrences)

Ruszlán of Russian origin meaning 'lion' (extremely rare)

Names referring to the clouds and sky are not typical, there are only a few examples:

Celesztin of Latin origin meaning 'heavenly, celestial' (some occurrences)

Nil of English origin meaning 'champion' or 'cloud' or 'passionate' (some occurrences)

Sjám of Sanskrit origin meaning 'black' or 'dark blue' or 'cloud' or 'dark facial expression' (some occurrences)

As for your question regarding Hungarian surnames that might be related to the beech tree: in the Hungarian surname system creating bynames (that later become surnames) based on the named person's relation to a tree was really uncommon. In the (current or historic) Hungarian surname stock there are no surnames that would be directly related to the beech tree. We have surnames that contain the word *bükk* meaning 'beech tree', e.g. *Bükk*, *Büki*, *Bükkaljai*, *Bükkerti*, *Bükkerdő*, *Bükkfalvi*, *Bükkösdi*, *Bükkös*, *Bükkösi*, *Bükkszegi* and the dialectal versions of these, but they all are actually toponymic surnames: namely the surnames semantically have nothing to do with the beech tree itself, but the toponyms they are based on have. The toponyms usually refer to places covered with beech trees. Some of these names, (e.g. *Bükkerdő*) could also be translations of German surnames (Ger. *Buchwald* > Hung. *Bükkerdő*). But these German surnames were also toponymic surnames and the name change rarely happened with the concept of the tree in mind. Translating surnames was just a very common way for surname changes in the 19th and 20th centuries in Hungary. A funny story is actually a prove of this: in the 19th century the surname *Könyvhegyi* meaning '[someone] from the mountain called Book' (*könyv* meaning 'book' and *hegy* meaning 'mountain' + the *-i* suffix) was created by translating the German surname *Buchberger*. The creator of the name believed the original German surname meant '[someone] from the mountain called Book' (*Buch* meaning 'book' and *Berg* meaning 'mountain' + the *-er* suffix), not knowing that the surname was of Bavarian origin (a southern dialect of the German language) and actually meant '[someone] from the mountain called Beech (aka a mountain covered with a beech forest)'.

In Hungarian onomastics traditionally we do not consider these surnames related to the tree. Because of the lack of the schema that would have created bynames based on the named person's relation to a tree, semantically there is no way for the construction of one. Grammatically it would be possible to refer to a person just using the name of a tree as the Hungarian language has no specific suffixes that create surnames from common words, although this basically never happens.

You may find more information that might interest you regarding tree names in Hungarian toponyms in here:

Gacsályi-Bába, Barbara 2017. The Topoforming Role of Tree Names in Early Old Hungarian. In: Kovács, Éva ed., A Survey of Historical Toponomastics. Debreceni Egyetemi Kiadó, Debrecen. 74.

You may also find some recommended further readings regarding Hungarian names under:

https://poj.peeters-leuven.be/content.php?url=issue&journal_code=ONO&issue=0&vol=47

There is also a Hungarian–English and English–Hungarian Dictionary of Given Names (edited by Mihály Hajdú, 1983) which exists only in paper format. If you are interested in this work, we may scan some pages for you.

Best regards,

the Names Committee