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ON HOW NAMING IS REFLECTED IN GEOLINGUISTICS

(Based on Material for the Names of *славей* 'Nightingales')

Abstract: Two differential features underlie the two main etymons for naming nightingales: in the Western European languages (from the Romance and Germanic language groups) – related predominantly to vociferousness; in the Eastern European languages (the Slavic group) – to the colour of the body. The Southern Slavic languages which are found in new places today (in the south) relate etymologically to the Northern group, because their land of origin is to the north of the Carpathians. This determines a new main division – into Eastern (predominantly Slavic) and Western (Romance and Germanic) Europe.

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