

Re: Albanian words for eyebrow

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"Peter T. Daniels" <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote ...

John Atkinson wrote:

A rosechafer gnaws on roses. As for a cockchafer, I hate to think...

It's not impossible that a parasite could specialize in male birds.

The cockchafer eats vegetation. The first element could be an alteration of Eng. dial. <clock> 'beetle' (as in <dung-clock> '_Geotrypes stercorarius_'), making the compound tautological, or it could be <cock> 'lump, ball, round heap, hayrick', or it could indeed be <cock> 'male bird' in reference to its large size, as <horse> is similarly used in other compounds.