

A PRONUNCIATION GUIDE TO ROMAN COINS

Aegis	EYE-geese	Honorius	Haw-NAW-ree-ous (The H is not silent as in "honor".)
Aelia Flaccilla	EYE-lee-ah Flack-KILL-ah (not pronounced like the word "flaccid", but both C's should be sounded, with a trace of hesitation between them. This applies to all double letters.)	Janus	YAH-nous
Aelius	EYE-lee-ous (Again, I am using "ous" as in "famous" to convey the sound of the final "-us". It rhymes with "puss", not "pus".)	Johannes	Yo-HAHN-nays
Aemilian	Eye-MIH-lee-ahn (But his full name was Aemilianus = Eye-mih-lee-AH-nous.)	Jovian	YO-wee-ahn (Yo-wee-AHN-ous.)
Aequitas	EYE-kwih-tahss	Jovinus	Yo-WEE-nous
Aes Grave	Ice GRAH-vey (Not "Ace Grave" or "Ace Grov".)	Julia Maesa	YOO-lee-ah MY-sa
Aesculapius	Ice-koo-LAH-pee-ous	Julia Mamaea	YOO-lee-ah Mah-MYE-ah
Aeternitas	Eye-TAIR-nih-tahss	Julia Paula	YOO-lee-ah POW-la
Agrippina	Ag-rih-PEE-na (Not Ag-rih-PYE-na.)	Julia Soaemias	YOO-lee-ah So-eye-MEE-ahs
Albinus	Ahl-BEE-nous (Not Ahl-BYE-nus.)	Juno	YOO-no
Anastasius	Ah-nah-STAH-see-ous (Not Ah-nah-STAY-zhus.)	Jupiter	YOO-pih-ter (Or Jove = YO-way.)
Anthemius	Ahn-TEH-mee-ous (But the T is said strongly with just a hint of a "th" sound.)	Justitia	Yoose-TIH-tee-ah
Antinous	Ahn-TIH-no-ous	Laelianus	Lye-lee-AH-nous
Antoninus Pius	An-taw-NEE-nous PEE-ous (Not PYE-us.)	Laetitia	Lye-TIH-tee-ah
Aquila	AH-kwee-la	Leo	LAY-oh
Aquila Severa	Ah-KWIH-lee-ah Seh-WAY-ra	Lepidus	LAY-pih-dous
Arcadius	Ahr-KAH-dee-ous (Not Ahr-KAY-dee-us.)	Licinius	Lih-KIH-nee-ous
As	Ahss (Not "Ahz" or "Ass".)	Litius	LIH-too-ous
Augustus	Ow-GOOSE-tous (Again, "ous" as in "famous".)	Livia	LIH-wee-ah
Aurelian	Ow-RAY-lee-ahn (Full name Ow-ray-lee-AH-nous.)	Longinus	Lawn-GEE-nous
Aureus	OW-ray-ous	Lucilla	Loo-KILL-la (Sorry, <i>never</i> a soft C.)
Balbinus	Bahl-BEE-nous	Lucius Verus	LOO-kee-ous WAY-rous
Biga	BEE-ga	Macrinus	Mac-REE-nous
Caduceus	Kah-DOO-kay-ous	Marcianus	Mar-kee-AH-nous
Caecilius	Kye-KILL-ee-ous	Marcus Censorinus	MAR-kee-ous Ken-so-REE-nous
Caesar	KYE-sahr (Not SEE-zer!)	Marcus Aurelius	MAR-kous Ow-RAY-lee-ous
Caesonia	Kye-SO-nee-ah	Maximinus	Mack-sih-MEE-nous
Caius	KYE-yoos	Minucius Thermus	Mih-NOO-kee-ous TAIR-mous
Carausius	Kahr-OW-see-ous	Nerva	NAIR-wah
Carinus	Kah-REE-nous	Officina	Awf-fih-KEE-na
Cassius	KAHS-see-ous (Not CASH-is.)	Otacia Severa	Oh-ta-KILL-lee-ah Seh-WAY-ra
Cerco	KARE-ko	Paulina	Pow-LEE-na
Ceres	KEH-rayss	Pertinax	PAIR-tih-nax
Claudius	KLOW-dee-ous	Pescennius Niger	Payss-KEN-nee-ous NEE-gehr
Clodius Macer	KLO-dee-ous MAH-kehr	Plaetorius Cestianus	Ply-TAW-ree-ous Kehss-tih-AH-nous
Commodus	KOM-mo-dous	Plautilla	Plow-TIL-la
Cornelia Supera	Kawr-NAY-lee-ah SOO-peh-ra	Poppaea	Pop-PYE-ah
Cornucopiae	Kor-noo-KO-pee-eye	Porcius	POR-kee-ous
Decentius	Day-KEHN-tee-ous	Pudicitia	Poo-dih-KEE-tee-ah
Delmatius	Dehl-MAH-tee-ous (Not Del-MAY-shis.)	Pulcheria	Pool-KEHR-ee-ah
Denarius	Deh-NAH-ree-ous; plural Denarii = Deh-NAH-ree-ee	Pupienus	Poo-pee-AYN-ous
Diadumenian	Dee-ah-doo-MAY-nee-ahn (Full name Dee-ah-doo-may-nee-AH-nous.)	Robinson	Roe-BEEN-sohn
Didius Julianus	DEE-dee-ous Yoo-lee-AH-nous	Romulus	ROAM-oo-lous
Diocletian	Dee-oh-CLAY-tee-ahn (Full name Dee-oh-clay-tee-AH-nous.)	Salonina	Sa-lo-NEE-na
Domitia	Doe-MIH-tee-ah	Saloninus	Sa-lo-NEE-nous
Domitian	Doe-MIH-tee-ahn (Doe-mih-tee-AH-nous.)	Scipio	SKIH-pee-oh
Eudocia	Yoo-DOE-kee-ah (But note that Eu is a diphthong, with a single sound starting out as E and ending as U, as in "Europe".)	Septimius Severus	Sep-TIH-mee-ous Seh-WAY-rous
Eudoxia	Yoo-DOCK-see-ah	Sergius	SAIR-gee-ous
Eugenius	Yoo-GAY-nee-ous	Sestertius	Sess-TAIR-tee-ous (Plural Sestertii = Sess-TAIR-tee-ee; the Romans did not say "Sesterces".)
Felicitas	Fay-LEE-kih-tahss	Severina	Seh-way-REE-na
Fides	FEE-dehss	Severus Alexander	Seh-WAY-rous Ah-lex-AHN-dare
Flaminus Chilo	Flah-MIH-nee-ous KYE-lo	Silique	SEE-lih-kwa
Flavius Victor	FLAH-wee-ous WEAK-tor	Tacitus	TAH-kih-tous
Galeria Valeria	Gah-LAY-ree-ah Wah-LAY-ree-ah	Tetricus	TAIT-rih-kous
Galla Placidia	GAHL-la Plah-KID-ee-ah	Theodora	Tay-oh-DAW-ra
Gallienus	Gahl-lee-ANE-ous	Theodosius	Tay-oh-DOE-see-ous
Geta	GAY-ta (Not Jeeta!)	Thorius Balbus	TAW-ree-ous BAH-L-bous
Gratian	GRAH-tee-ahn (Grah-tee-AH-nous.)	Tiberius	Tih-BARE-ee-ous
Helena	Heh-LAY-na	Titus	TEE-tous
Herennia Etruscilla	Heh-RAIN-nee-ah Et-roos-KILL-la	Vabalathus	Wah-bah-LAH-tous
		Valens	WAH-lehnss
		Valentinian	Wah-lehn-TIH-nee-ahn (Wah-lehn-tih-nee-AH-nous.)
		Valerian	Wah-LAY-ree-ahn (Wah-lay-ree-AH-nous.)
		Valerius Acisculus	Wah-LAY-ree-ous Ah-KISS-koo-lous
		Venus	WAY-nous
		Verina	Weh-REE-na
		Vespasian	Wehss-PAH-see-ahn (Wehss-pah-see-AH-nous.)
		Vesta	WASTE-ah
		Vibius Varus	WEE-bee-ous WAH-rous
		Victorinus	Wick-toh-REE-nous
		Virtus	WEER-tous
		Vitellius	Wee-TEL-lee-ous
		Volusian	Woe-LOO-see-ahn (Woe-loo-see-AH-nous.)
		Zeno	ZAY-no