Many years ago, I noticed that the words that end in umble *all* carry a connotation of diminution. Mumble is to speak softly, a grumble is a minor protest, bumbling does not mean one is completely incompetent but only not very good at a job, a stumble is a small trip, a tumble is a small fall, a rumble is a low roar, and so forth.

I went to a rhyming dictionary and found I had missed two words. Drumble means to walk, but very slowly, and scumble is to paint with washed out watercolors, i.e., to tint. So the words I did not have conform to the predicted pattern.

I cannot find any other case of English words that have such strong commonality. Can anyone figure out what is going on?