

Summary

Sjöröd in Bohuslän, Sweden – despite its first element, a place-name with no reference to a lake or the sea

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In this article, the author discusses the name of his place of birth, *Sjöröd* in Bohuslän. In 1945 the Swedish place-name scholar Assar Janzén interpreted the meaning of this farm name as ‘the clearance near the roadway between the fields’. Here the author introduces a new explanation, namely ‘the clearance near the rocky knoll’. He seeks linguistic support for this suggestion in the spelling of certain written forms of *Sjöröd* from the 16th century, such as *Skierrö* from 1581, where the first element seems to be *skär* ‘rocky islet or knoll’. He also draws attention to a number of similar place-names in Bohuslän and elsewhere. The rocky knoll in question is situated close to the original site of the farm, and has been measured and photographed for this article.