

Summary

Visingsö

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With reference to Natan Lindqvist (1926) and Jan Agertz (2007, 2008), the author proposes an etymology for the island name *Visingsö*, the original Old Swedish form of which was probably *Visinsø*. This compound, with the final element *ö* 'island', would appear to contain, as its first element, OSw. **vīsin* neut. 'wet, low-lying ground', or a place-name **Vīsin* formed from it, referring to the narrowest part of the island, towards the north, with its characteristic low, marshy shores.