

Summary

The name *Ystad*

By *Elsa Melin*

Since yew pollen is not found in a pollen analysis covering six millennia in the Ystad area, it is unlikely that Old Danish *y* 'yew tree' provided the first element of the name *Ystad*. The present writer proposes **Yzt + stad* 'the outermost habitation towards the sea' as the explanation for the name of the small coastal village from the Vendel Age that was discovered in archaeological excavations a couple of hundred metres from the present shoreline.