

***meldō** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'mel.dõ:/

noun · feminine · ōn-stem

Meanings

1. a plant of the genus *Chenopodium*, goosefoot
2. a plant of the genus *Atriplex*, orache, saltbush

Etymology

Put to Proto-Indo-European *melh₂- because of the mealy texture of its leaves. Compare the meaning range of the descendants of Old Norse mjöll which is from the same root, Icelandic mjöll ('fresh snow'), Norwegian mjell, mjøll ('light, dry snow'), Swedish mjäll ('dandruff'), Danish mæld, mjæld ('fluff on corollae'). But note Proto-Slavic *lebeda of the same meaning range, and also Ancient Greek *βλίτον* (*blíton*) (blíton, 'purple amaranth; orache'); both are of unknown origin.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	meldō	meldōniz
Acc.	meldōnų	meldōnunz
Gen.	meldōniz	meldōnô
Dat.	meldōni	meldōmaz
Inst.	meldōnē	meldōmiz
Voc.	meldō	meldōniz

Descendants

***meldā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| ***melda** (Old Dutch)

| | **melde** (Middle Dutch)

| | | **melde, milde** (Dutch)

***meldā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **melde** (Old English)

| | **mielde** (Middle English)

| | | **milds, miles, myles** (English)

| | | **milds, miles, myles** (Scots)

***meldā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **melta, melda, malta, multa** (Old High German)

| | **melta** (Medieval Latin)

***meldā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **melta, melda, malta, multa** (Old High German)

| | **melte, melde** (Middle High German)

| | | **Melde, Melte, Melle, Malde, Malte, Milte, Milde, Molde, Mölde** (German)

***meldā** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **maldia** (Old Saxon)

| | **melde** (Middle Low German)

***mjaldi** (Old Norse)

| **melde** (Norwegian Bokmål)

| **melde** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

***mjaldi** (Old Norse)

| **melde, meld** (Old Danish)

| | **mælde, mæld** (Danish)

***mjaldi** (Old Norse)

| **molda, molla, mæld, mældyrt** (Old Swedish)

| | **målla, mäll, mæld, mældyrt** (Swedish)

***malcca** (Proto-Finnic)

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