

The nature around Nuuk - August I



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August is a great month to hike. Even here in the Arctic the month of July may be too hot to walk in. In August, the weather seems usually friendlier for walkers. The weather often changes and you have not always the sun in the sky always shining as a hot blitz.

In August the summer begins to be on decline. The average weather in August is rainy. Even the mosquitoes start having problems with especially the cold nights. Slowly the vegetation assumes the autumn colours red, brown and yellow. This is a visible result of the temperature at night drops below the freezing point.

After the first night frost the berries must be picked. The skin of the berries is stretched - filled with their tasty content of fruit sugar. The chicks of the snow buntings are now on the wings, and they fly around in large flocks. They often behave a little too frisky, and are you lucky, you can sit for hours and watch the small downy chicks while they jump around in front of your feet.

The mountains around Nuuk attain an altitude of more than a kilometre. Up here, there is virtually no vegetation. The rocks are bare or with a layer of lichen on their surface. It is a great way to get an understanding of the intense geological processes that once shaped the landscapes around Nuuk. The most common type of rock is the gneiss. Everywhere are rocks with colours and shapes that give the viewer the feeling that they are more beautiful than stonemason work of human beings.



Bare rocks, the mountain Store Malene, August 2005



*Geological formation on rock,
The mountain Store Malene ,
August 2003*



Lichen on rock, August 2006



Small pond, Malenelandet, August 2005



A fungus above the scrub of birch and crowberry, August 2005



A fungus in the scrub of crowberry, August 2006



Flower bud on the rosebay, August 2005



Dwarf cornel, August 2006



Ripen crowberries, August 2006



Alpine catchfly, August 2011



A small biotope with sphagnum and horsetail after rain, August 2003



Snow bunting watching the young birds, August 2005



Snow bunting, young bird, August 2005



*Purple sand pipers at
the coast, August 2007*



*Purple sandpiper
at the coast,
August 2007*



A humpback whale just before diving into the fiord, August 2008

Thumbnails

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