

The nature around Nuuk - August III



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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 IIIs 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.



View from the mountain Store Malene to the Kobbefjord and the mountain Hjortetakken, August 2003



View from the mountain Store Malene into the Kobbefjord, August 2003



The mountain Hjortetakken, August 2003



View from the mountain Store Malene into the Kobbefjord, August 2003



Communication link at the top of the mountain Store Malene, August 2003



View to the mountain Hjortetakken and the islands south of Nuuk, August 2003



View from the mountain Store Malene into the Godthaabsfiord, August 2003



Pouring brook, August 2003



*Waterfall into the bay of Malene,
August 2003*



Patterns and lines in gneiss, The mountain Store Malene, August 2003



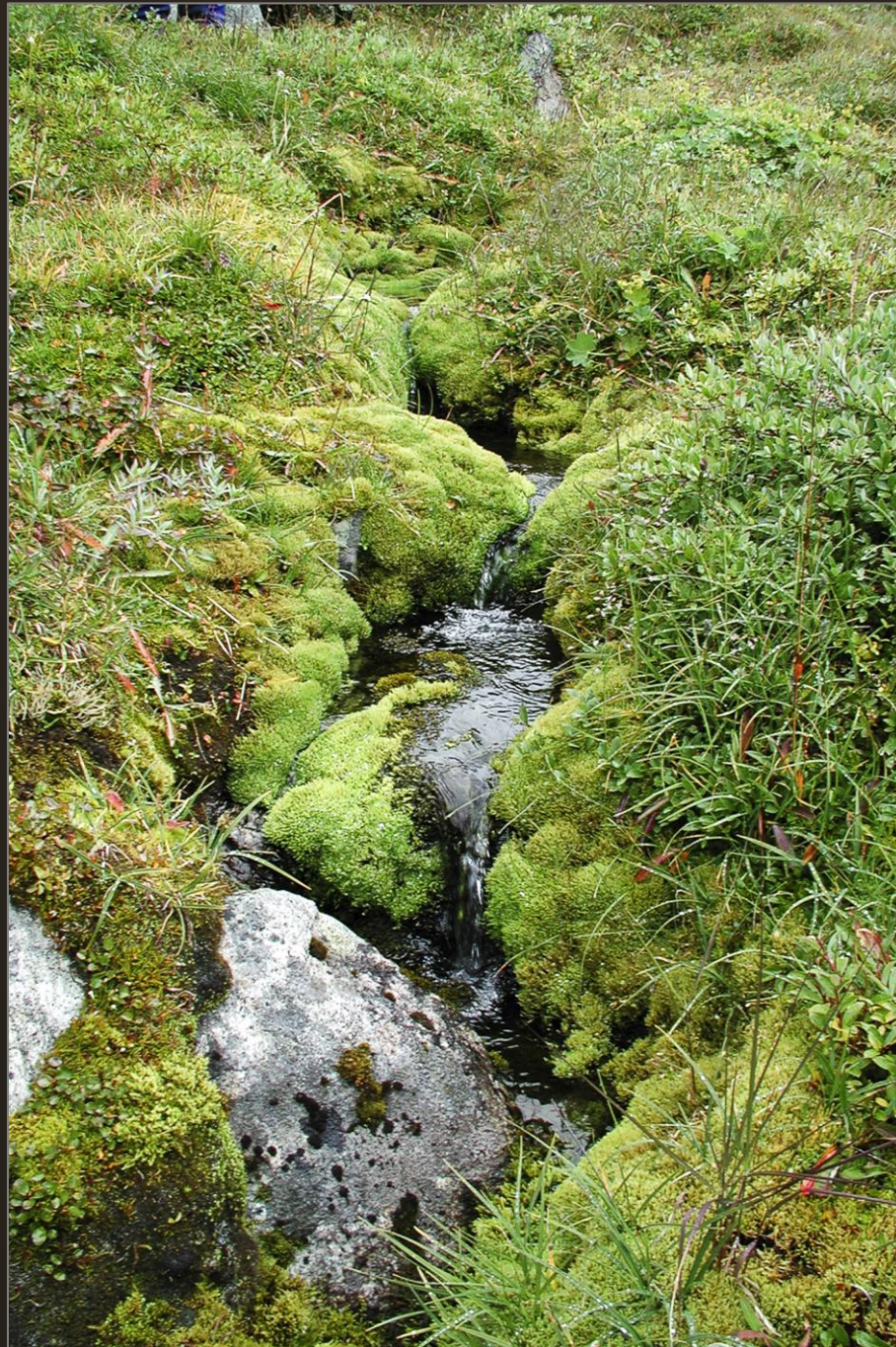
*Paragliers above
the mountain Store Malene,
August 2003*



*Rain in the mountains,
August 2001*



Grass and sphagnum after rain, August 2001



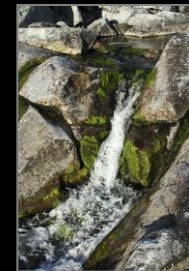
*A small brook surrounded by
dense vegetation, August 2001*



A small brook on its way down the mountain, August 2001

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