

The nature around Nuuk - July I



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The month of July is high summer here in Nuuk. All holidays are days for outdoor life. Either grills on the balcony, a small fire close to home, walking in the neighbourhood of Nuuk or by boat into the wilderness. But it is not only the human beings, who at this time of the year capture the landscapes around Nuuk:

One day the mountains seem as changed. The friendly landscape is now inhabited by billions of mosquitoes and insects. Do we not take our precautions, we are bite all over.

Fortunately, the little beasts are vulnerable too. After days of rain and wind, it may take a while before the insects again has reproduced itself. But the best way is to try to get used to the phenomenon. A mosquito net over the head, where the genes feel worst - and then just try to ignore the beasts.

But July is also the month in which the flora for real begins to appear on the scene. Everywhere the mountains are covered with dense, low, green vegetation. The Greenland flowers are usually not big and flashy, but the smaller and humble, the more beautiful they seem to be here among the barren rocks.

One exception is the rosebay. When the rosebay has found a good place, it can grow big, and its purple flowers are visible from afar. The rosebay is the national flower of Greenland.

In July, the whales frequent guests far into the fiords. Everywhere from the hike in the mountains we can hear their spray and observe the large animals when their tails disappears into the deep fiord.



*A wanderer on his way up from
Qinqorput, July 2010*



Snow bunting, young bird, July 2004



Saxifrage in the cleft of the rock, July 2006



*A moment's breathing-space,
July 2010*



Roseroot between the rocks at the coast, July 2006



*Rosebay, the national
flower of Greenland, July 2010*



Sunbeams in the leaves of grass, July 2010



The flower of crowberry, July 2010



The seed of the dandelion, July 2010



Fungus, July 2010



Alpin mouse-ear, July 2010



Starry saxifrage, July 2010



Iceland gull on a rock, July 2004

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