

Full moon

This summer evening the full moon rides just over the horizon. It has a beautiful orange colour, and it looks much bigger than it uses to do.

The great size is an optical illusion. When the moon is high in a clear sky, it looks smaller than when we watch it down on the horizon. It is our brain that percept the size differently. Do you not believe me? Then stretch your arm out in front of you and you will recognize that the moon always has the size of a fingernail.

This evening, we took the car out in the bog. What do you feel about going by car into the nature? My initial comment is a snort.

OK, the car can be used to bring you out of town to areas of natural beauty. When we have arrived, we can continue on foot. If we wish to experience nature, it must be done on foot or may be on

horseback or by bike.

But this summer evening in the bog, the car was a reasonably choice. When I got out of the car to take a picture of the full moon, I immediately sensed I was surrounded by thousands of insects.

Thousands of insects? Oh, now your are exaggerating. Maybe, but results from research calculates the concentration of Earth's insects to have an average of 8,000 insects per square meter. Over my head I think the concentration was far greater. Thousands of small wings at full speed in an intense rhythm. I felt it almost as a wall of insects.

After the rigors of defending myself against the insects and simultaneously set the aperture, the time and ISO on the camera to capture the huge full moon over the flat landscape, it did not take many seconds before I took flight to the car's closed, insect-proof cabin.



The full moon above the bog, Lille Vildmose, July 2013