

BESØG I ET VÅDOMRÅDE VISIT TO WETLANDS

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Besøg i et vådområde

Jeg går en tur ned ad markvejen mod åen. Det er en regnfuld dag i oktober. Sommerens fugleliv er slut. Nu er nogle af vinterfuglene allerede kommet. Kvækerfinkens tilstedeværelse fortæller, at det nu er koldt og mørkt langt mod nord. I vådområdets vildnis finder den smukke fugl al den føde, som den skal bruge.

Netop herude, hvor alt er for vådt og sumpet for de moderne, tunge landbrugsmaskiner, kan vi opleve det tætte vildnis, som selv en vandrende har svært ved at passere. Det er et eldorado for fugle og andre dyr. Overalt går der små veksler fra markvejen ind i det tætte buskads.

I dag har jeg god tid. Jeg sætter mig omgivet af tæt krat og begynder at betragte landskabet omkring mig. Langt derude på engene tæt på åen og dens våde omgivelser, har et lille husmandssted vovet sig ud. De eneste andre bebyggelser herude er lystfiskernes små, hyggelige hytter langs åen.

Længere mod nord hænger der truende, mørke regnskyer. Nogle øjeblikke viser der sig en smuk dobbelt regnbue. Jeg har lavet en hel del postyr, da jeg uventet kom gående ned ad markvejen til åens bred, men nu hvor jeg sidder stille, er dyrelivet ved at vove sig frem igen.

Langt ude på marken står en stolt råbuk omgivet af sine hunner og årets lam. Ræven lusker rundt, og jeg får lejlighed til at se, hvordan den pludselig stivner, sætter i et spring, og snupper en mus nede fra græsset. Også en gråkrage har fundet et bytte, som den nu flår i stykker og synker i små bidder. Overalt flyver de små spurve og andre fugle rundt i buskadserne.

Det er interessant at tænke sig, at klimaforandringer på sigt vil gøre disse vådområder endnu mere våde. Kun få spor vil være tilbage efter den tid, hvor landbruget udnyttede engene helt ned til åens bred.

Visit to wetlands

I walk down the field lane to the small river. It is a rainy day in October. The birdlife of the summer is over. Now, some of the winter birds already have arrived. The presence of the brambling tells me, that now it is cold and dark far to the north. In the tangle of the wetlands, the beautiful bird finds all the food it needs.

Just out here, where everything is too wet and swampy for the modern, heavy agricultural machinery, we can experience the dense thicket, which even a wanderer has difficulty passing. This is an eldorado for birds and other animals. Everywhere there are small tracks from the field lane into the dense thicket.

Today, I have plenty of time. I place myself surrounded by the dense scrub and begin to watch the landscape around me. Far out there on the meadows, close to the small river and its wet surroundings, a smallholding house has ventured out. The only other buildings out here are the anglers' small, cosy huts along the river.

Further north, lowering dark rain clouds appear. Some minutes, a beautiful double rainbow appears on the scene. I have made quite a lot of fuss, when I unexpectedly walked down the field lane to the bank of the small river, but now when I keep still, the wildlife is about to venture out again.

Far out in the field, a proud roebuck is surrounded by its females and the lamb of the year. The fox lurks in the field, and I get the opportunity to see how the animal suddenly freeze, jumps, and grabs a mouse down from the grass. A hooded crow has also found a prey, which it now skin into pieces and sinks. Everywhere, the small sparrows and other birds fly around in the scrub.

It is of interest to think that, in the long term, the climate changes will make these wetlands even more wet. Only a few traces will be left of the time, when agriculture exploited the meadows right down to the bank of the small river.



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