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Landskabet i Østhimmerland skifter karakter i september. Sommeren er ved at være slut, og det koldere vejr sætter sine spor overalt.

Træernes grønne løv skifter umærkeligt farve til rødlige, gule og brunlige farver. Høstarbejdet af hvede og byg er for længst overstået. Mange marker står bare. De er allerede både pløjet og harvet, og andre marker er allerede tilsået vinterens afgrøder.

I mosen samles store flokke af fugle. De virker utålmodige. Mange skal på træk til fjerne egne for at overvintre.

Pludselig kan efterårets fremmarch gå i stå. Dejlige solskinsdage med blå himmel. Blomster, der måske er for sent på den, får gjort

deres arbejde færdig sammen med bierne – hvis bierne da ikke vælger at mæske sig i den lokkende, velduftende nedfaldsfrugt, der flyder overalt.

Ræven, der nu har store unger at fodre, er på evig jagt i landskabet for at finde mus. Rørhøgen fouragerer over de sumpede områder. Rovfuglen har det rimeligt let, fordi sivene bugner af sommerens små uerfarne fugle og gnavere, der endnu ikke har lært at vise behørig opmærksomhed på jægeren deroppe fra den blå himmel.

I disse sensommerdage ligger fjorden og åerne med blanke vandoverflader. Men snart knuser efterårsstormene de blanke flader, og det smukke spejl bliver erstattet af mørke, krappe bølger.

Autumn

In September the landscape in East Himmerland changes character. The summer has coming to an end and everywhere the colder weather is leaving its mark.

The green foliage of the trees passes insensibly into new colours, to reddish, yellow, and brownish colours. The harvesting of wheat and barley is over. Many fields just stand bare. They have already been both ploughed and harrowed, and other fields already have been put under winter crops.

Large flocks of birds gather in the bog. They seem impatient. Many must migrate to remote areas to overwinter.

Suddenly, the progress of autumn may come to a standstill. Lovely sunny days with blue skies. Flowers that may be late get their

work done with the bees – if the bees do not choose to stuff themselves on the alluring, sweet-smelling windfalls that are laying about everywhere.

The fox, which now has large cubs to feed, is on an eternal hunt in the landscape to find mice. The marsh harrier forages over the boggy areas. The bird of prey has an easy job, because the reeds abound with the summer's small inexperienced birds and rodents that not yet have learned to pay due attention to the hunter up there from the blue sky.

These late summer days, the fjord and the rivers lie with water surfaces smooth as a mirror. But soon the autumn storms shatter the smooth surfaces, and the beautiful mirror will be replaced by dark, choppy waves.



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