

## The still unknown

Once upon a time Greenland was the land of the great auk. Now it is the land of man - Kalaallit Nunaat. The great auk is in Greenland called Isarukitsoq - the little wing - with reference to the very short wings used as swimming gear. The great auk was flightless.

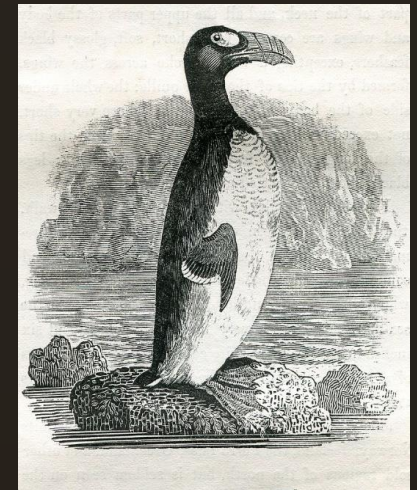
In Greenland, a hunter killed the last great auk on a winter day in 1815. 29 years after in the year 1844, the last great auk on the Earth was killed in Iceland.

The great auk was wiped off the face of the Earth - or was it just this peculiar bird which did not survive the eternal challenge created by evolution?

Greenland is so huge we can dream of these birds having survived and now live hidden in an unknown locality which Man still not have set foot on? Perhaps the bird with the little wing already is discovered by a human being who just does not want to disclose its hiding-place?

Or a scientist has succeeded in recreating the great auk from the DNA of a stuffed bird in the museums - and now have placed the bird back to a secret place on this huge island?

It may not seem likely, but you can get the impression that everything can happen in the land of the great auk. In Greenland, much is still hided in the still unknown.





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