The lupin

The summer in South Greenland is green, but in many places the green colour is replaced in large areas covered with the blue lupin, Lupinus notkatensis.

In Qaqortoq, the cemetery is filled with lupins and it stands together with artificial flowers made of plastic, giving the living people in the cemetery a positive experience. A lot of families also have a lupine bed in their garden.

Earlier the tall perennial with the blue flowers does not belong to the nature in South Greenland, but it performs well in many places in Arctic.

Originally, the habitat of the lupin was in North America. From here the perennial has spread to many countries in the world. In Greenland, it was originally introduced from Iceland in the 1970s. Since then the lupin has spread to many locations in South Greenland. It is doing well and is expected to spread even more in the coming years.

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