

The nature around Nuuk - Winter (January to March)



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In January the days are short. The sun is low in the sky, and it often disappears behind the mountains.

But the thin layer of snow on the mountains surrounding the city and the snow in the streets reflect the sunrays during the day and make it much brighter. The rays from the low pass through a great atmosphere in the early after-noon, and the atmosphere lights up in fantastic colours. You can see colours in all shades from pink to red and orange.

At night, the stars sparkle clearly in the pitch-black Arctic sky, and almost every night we are astonished to watch the green waves of the green northern lights across the sky.

The life in the nature continues. The hunger drives the ravens and the sea gulls into the town, where they forage everywhere, there just

may give a touch of food. When I throw small pieces of bread out from the balcony the hungry birds come from all corners to get a share of the limited meal.

Otherwise the birds are foraging in the tidal zone along the fiord or from icebergs and ice floes out on the fiord.

The large birds of prey also arrive into the town in the first months of the year. It is the gyrfalcon and the white-tailed eagle.

The Gyrfalcon arrives without moving the wings gliding through the valley. It is an elegant flyer. All the other bird species suddenly becomes quiet and hides from this amazing flyer.

The white-tailed eagle is easier to spot. As soon as the ravens catch sight of the eagle, they are very eager to start teasing the huge bird.

In the countryside around Nuuk the winter is severe. When the snow has fallen, the municipality establishes ski tracks out in the landscape surrounding the town, and the snowmobiles can transport people too quickly around the countryside. The snow forms fantastic shapes. The low sun is playing with the shadows and highlights the sculptures of the snow drifts created by wind.

On the fiord only the professional hunters and fishermen are active. The small boats and dinghies still supply the town with fish, birds and seals.

The whales are long ago swum to the south, but often I watch flocks of seals, passing the town out at the fiord set out to unknown targets further inside the fiord or on the way out to the outer skerries towards the Davis Strait.



Blue ice, February 2006



Blue ice floes, March 2007



*On the way through the ice,
February 2006*



The Malene Bay in backlight , March 2006



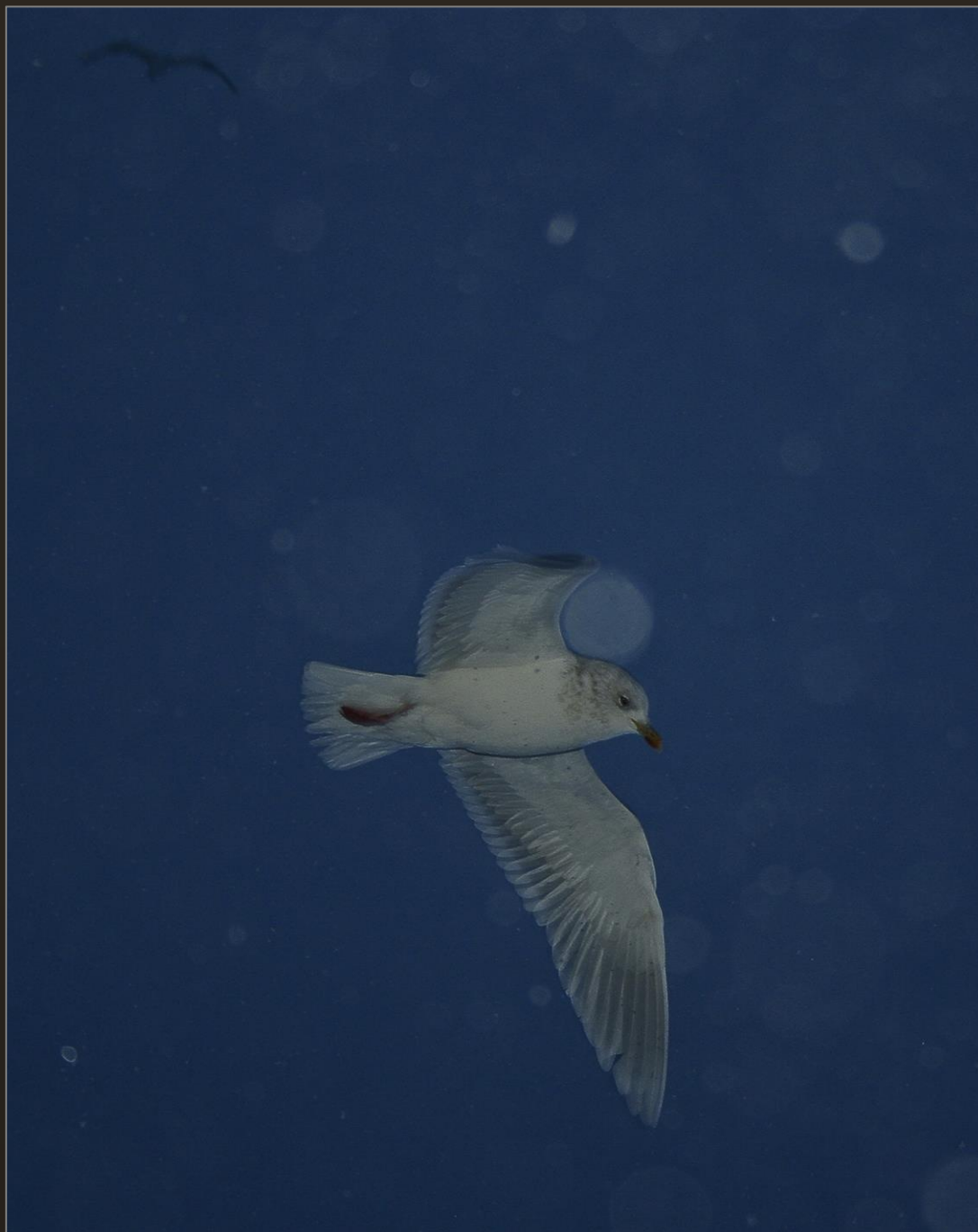
*Glaucous gull prepares for
landing, March 2006*



*Glaucous gull catching in the
surface of the water, March 2006*



*Glaucous gull taking off from
the surface of the water, March
2006*



*Glaucous gull flying in a
blizzard, January 2005*



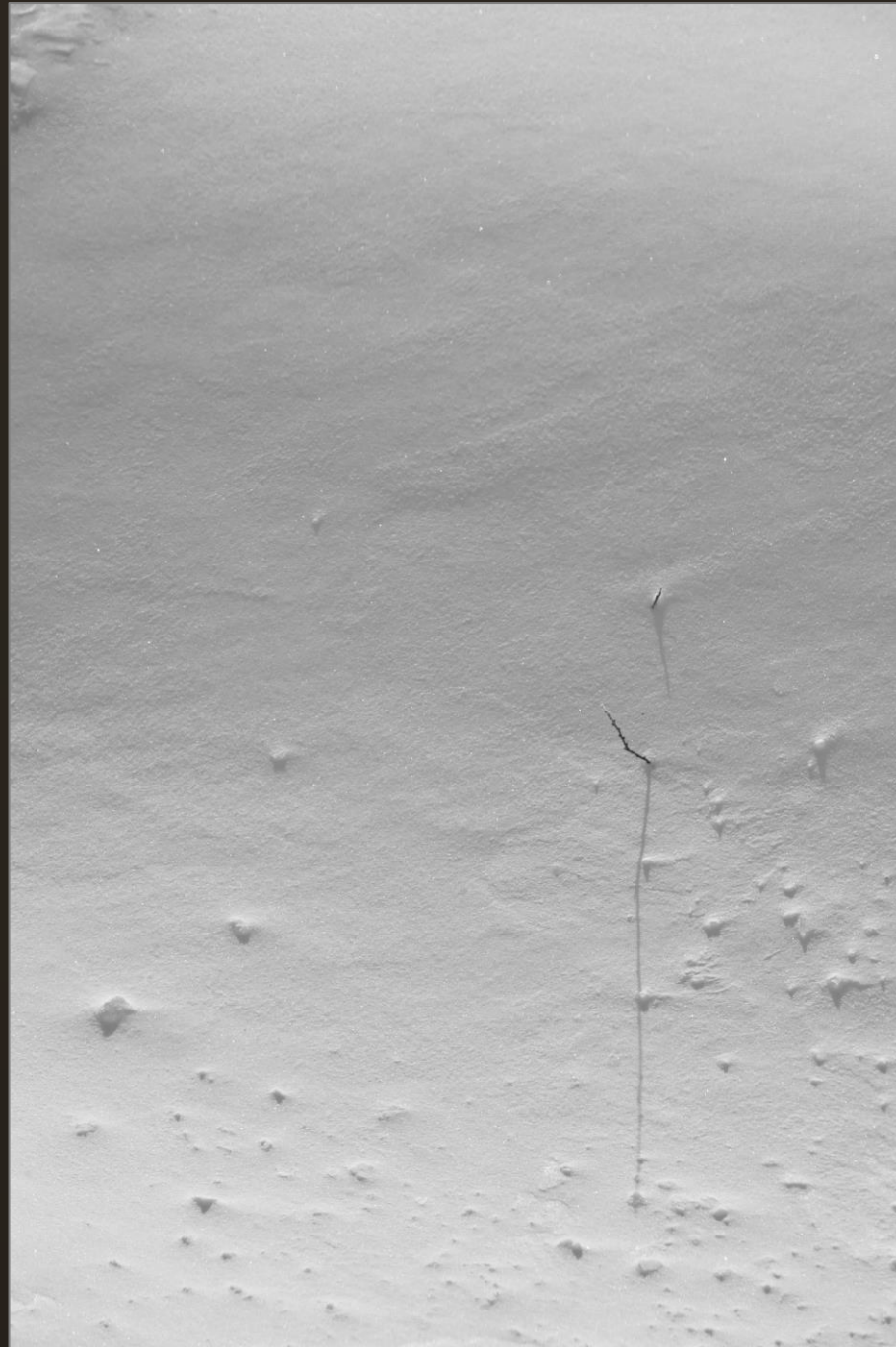
*Glaucous gull begging for food,
January 2005*



Hungry young great black-backed gull, February 2008



The white-tailed eagle, March 2007



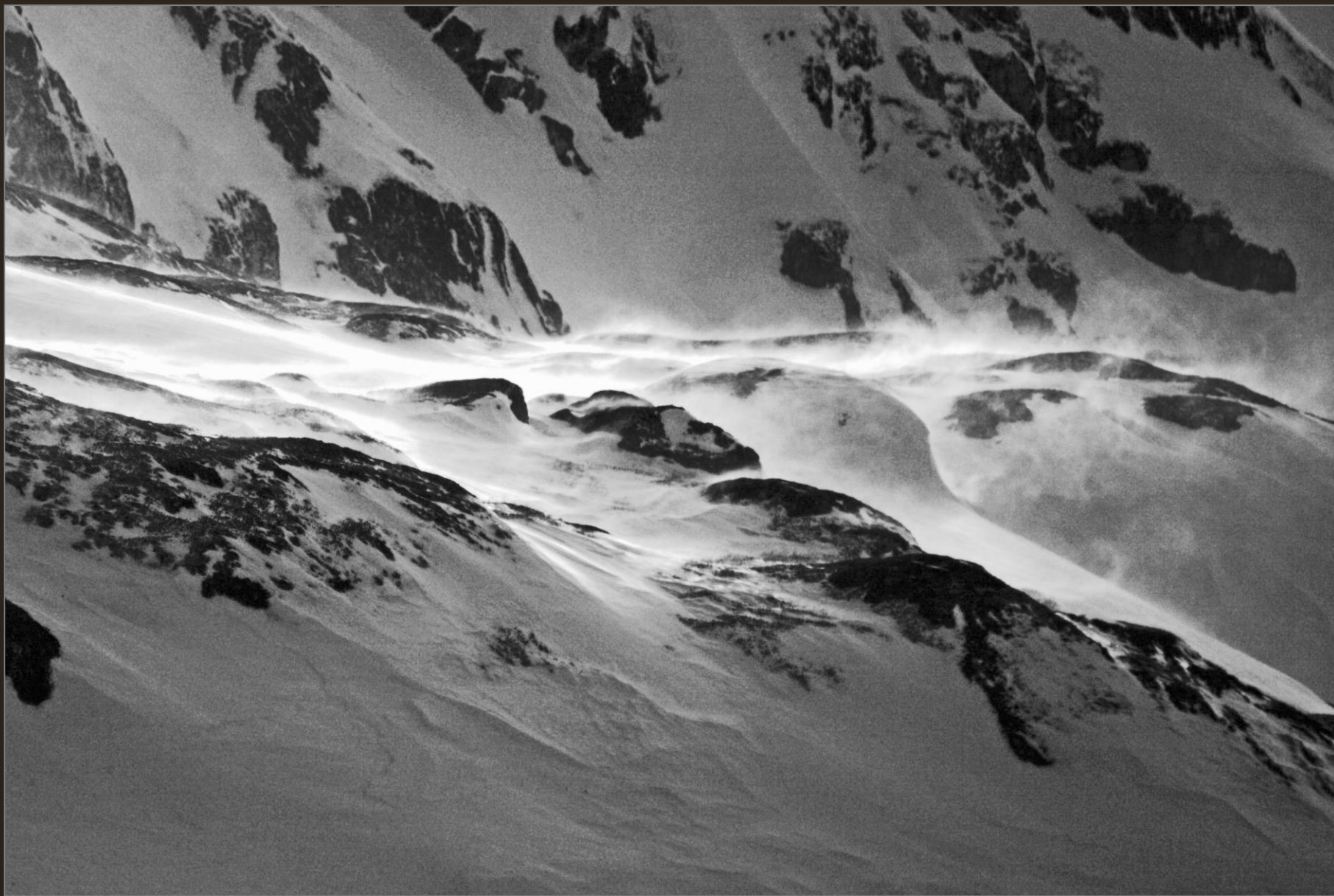
*Long shadows from the low
wintersun, February 2009*



The fiord is smoking, March 2008



A skier in a blizzard, February 2009



Drifting snow in the mountains, February 2008



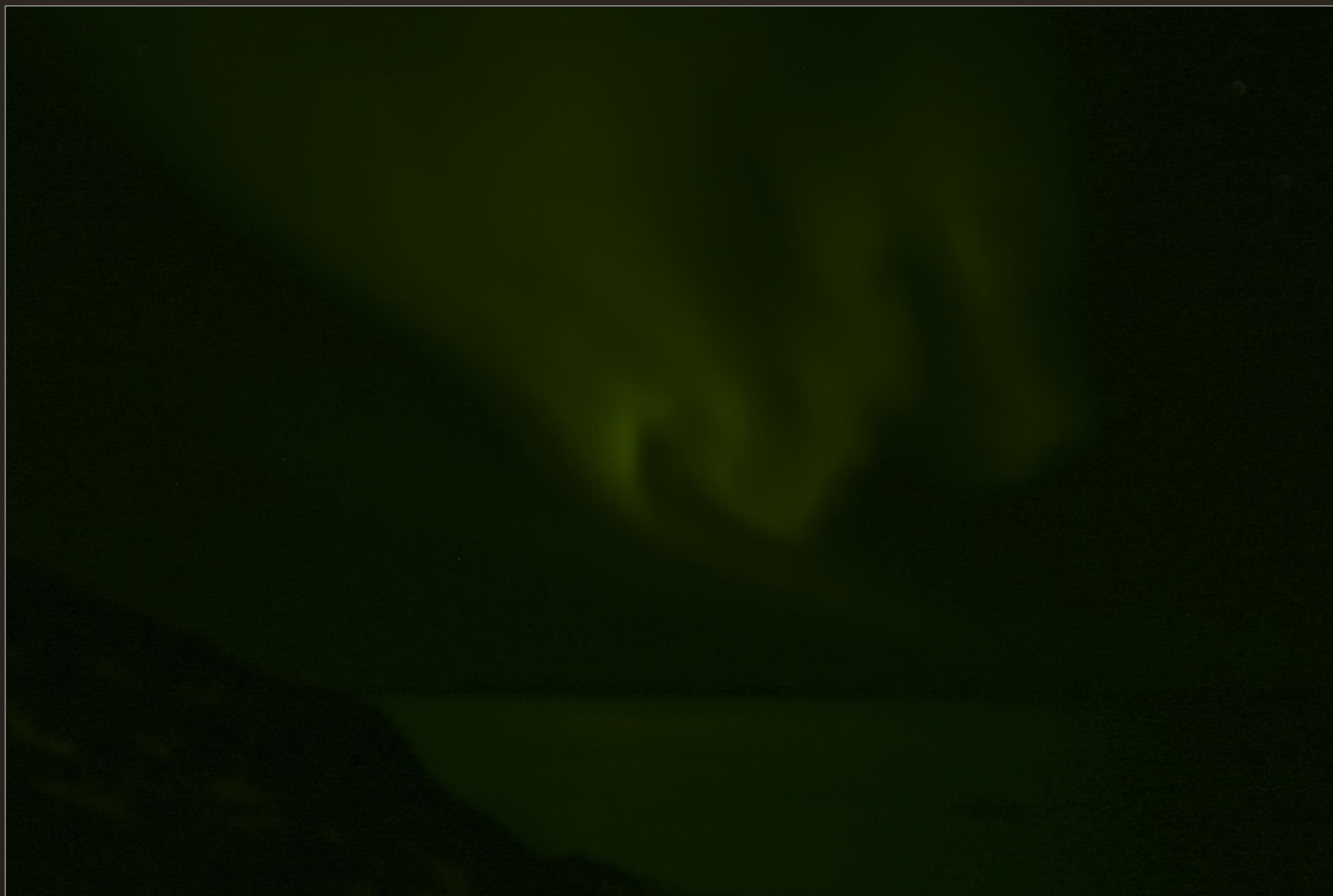
Flying raven in a blizzard, March 2007



The fiord filled with ice floes, March 2007



Sunset above Akia, February 2007



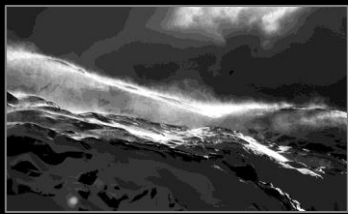
Northern lights, March 2007



Northern lights and moon shine above the fiord, January 2008

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