



**BUFFALO LAKE
NATURE CLUB**

Buffalo Lake Nature Club

September 19, 2019

7 p.m

St. George's Anglican Church basement
4817 - 51 St. Stettler



**What are Mites?
Why do we care about them?
How do we study them?
What is the ABMI?
What are some other soil organisms?**

← Epidamaeus sp. 13 LML.

Photo credit: Lisa Lumley

← New species identified by Ashley Thorsen
and Lisa Lumley



Stettler area nature club invites everyone
interested in all aspects of nature to join our meetings and events.
Meeting held 3rd Thursday of the months Sept- Nov and Jan - May
Check out the website for more information

[BLNC web page](#)

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Guest speaker:

Ashley Thorsen has been a Mite Technician at the Royal Alberta Museum for close to 5 years, where she predominantly works on the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) project. She has a degree in Conservation Biology from the University of Alberta, and a Renewable Resources diploma from NAIT. When she started in ecology, she thought she would have a career in birds or botany, but she took a detour into the world of micro-invertebrates, and has been happily spending her days at a microscope ever since. Her favourite parts of her job are: spotting the tricky little differences between species, learning more about mites and other soil invertebrates, and sharing the remarkableness of this hidden world with others.