

Science Outreach – Athabasca presents... Biting Flies: Vampires of the North



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Governing Council Chambers

Most likely, every human that has ever lived has had some blood pilfered by a biting fly. There are five families of biting flies in Alberta: mosquitoes, horse flies, black flies, no-see-ums, and certain muscid flies. We will cover their diversity, habits, life cycles, medical and veterinary importance, and how to avoid being bitten. Preserved specimens will be available for viewing.

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