



# **Science Outreach – Athabasca presents... “It's a Bug's Life: Insect Biodiversity in Alberta”**

**Speaker:** Greg Pohl, Collections Manager, Forest Biodiversity Researcher Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service

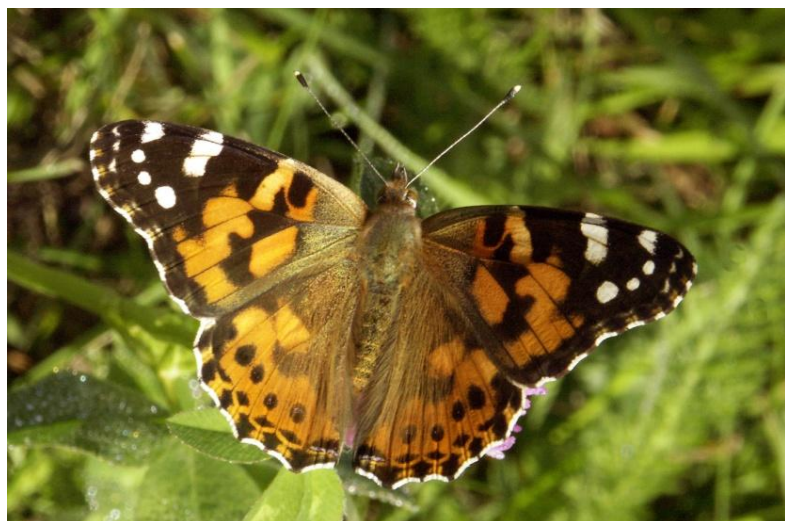
**Date:** Tuesday, February 22, 2011

**Place:** Athabasca University, Governing Council Chambers

**Time:** 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Mr. Pohl will present some background information on biodiversity, and on insects, which make up more than half the different kinds of living organisms on the planet. He will then present some highlights of his forestry research, which examines the role of insects in forest ecosystems, and what they can tell us about the health and sustainability of our forests. He will then illustrate the diversity of moths and butterflies in particular, which is one of his areas of

expertise. There will be some general scientific content for older audience members, but the presentation will be built around many close up pictures of insects, which should hold the attention of most children. After the formal presentation, Mr. Pohl will show off a portion of the insect collection that he curates in Edmonton, and will answer general questions about insects.



Refreshments. Draws for prizes. Admission is free.

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