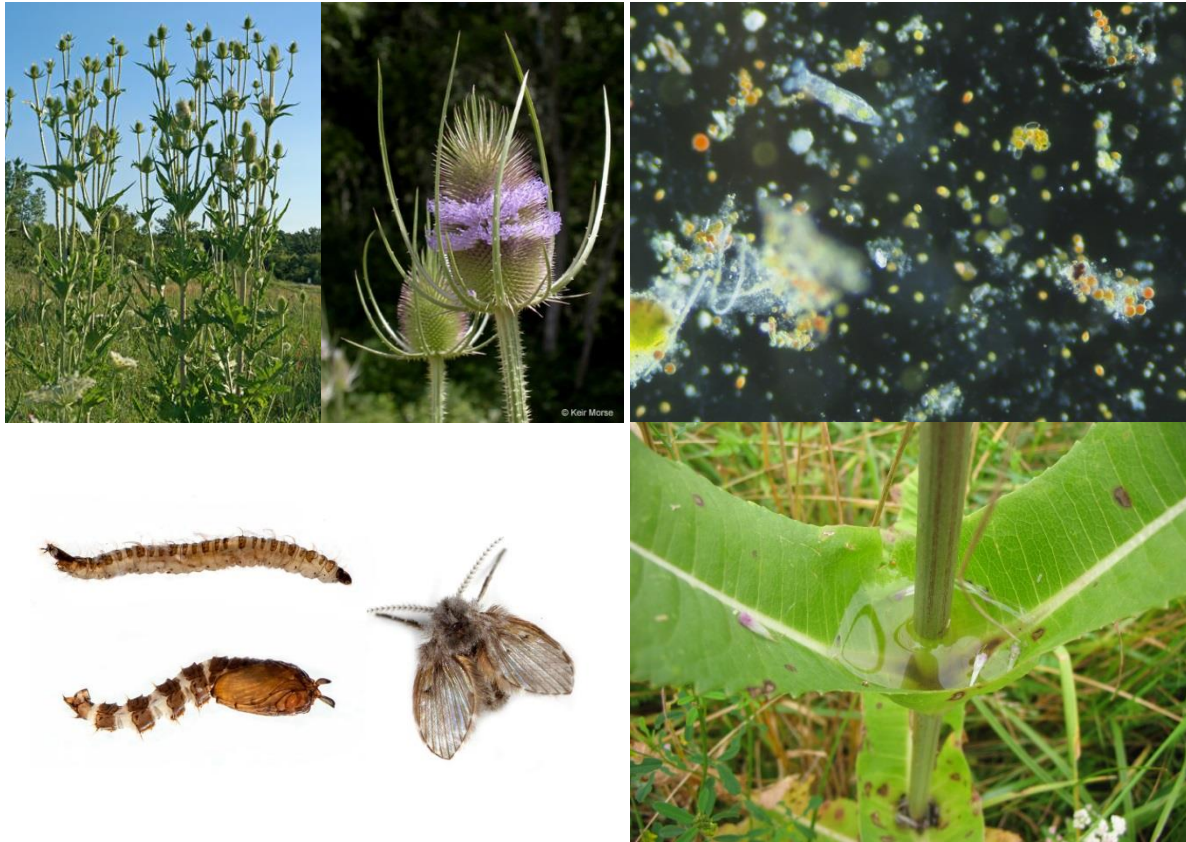


BSc/MSc thesis on “Aquatic microhabitats in plants”



Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*) and related plant species collect water between their leaves. It has been long suspected that the plants are carnivorous and feed on the drowning insects. However, aquatic insect and protist communities also live naturally in these water pools. Little is known on these organisms and what parameters structure their communities.

We are offering a BSc/MSc project in community ecology of aquatic organisms living in *Dipsacus* plant-held waters. The project will include a survey of *Dipsacus* populations in Salzburg and around (Upper Austria, Bavaria) and especially, of their aquatic inhabitants such as protists and insect larvae. Applicants should have an interest in (meta)community ecology, field work, taxonomic identification at the microscope, statistical analysis (preferably using R) and should ideally have a driver's license and an own car. Please contact Jana Petermann (jana.petermann@plus.ac.at) if you are interested. Further information can also be found here: www.plus.ac.at/petermann.