

# Mite-y Talks: International Webinar Series

The **Acarological Society of America (ASA)** is pleased to present to you our first international webinar series. We will feature highly experienced acarologists from all over the world who have largely contributed to the study of Acari through a long career of innovative research in multiple subfields of acarology. Join us in our monthly webinars to hear about their research and ask questions.

This month, we will be hearing from Dr. Heather Proctor, Professor in biological sciences at the University of Alberta, Canada presenting:



[Dr. Heather Proctor](#)



## ***Water mites: Gateway Drugs to Acarology***

Water mites (Parasitengona: Hydrachnidia) are the most species-rich group of arachnids to return to an aquatic lifestyle. They occupy all aquatic habitats from torrential waterfalls to temporary pools, and the ocean. Like their terrestrial relatives, velvet mites and chiggers, water mites have a complex life cycle involving parasitic larvae, predatory nymphs and adults. Their attractive coloration, relatively large size and sprightly activity make the Hydrachnidia one of the most accessible groups for acarologists to study. In this talk, I will discuss interesting aspects of their morphology and behavior, and gaps in our knowledge of their biology.



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