



MSc thesis in Community Ecology



We will be conducting research on the **diversity of insect and protist communities in water-filled tree holes** in three regions of Germany – Schorfheide-Chorin, Hainich and Schwäbische Alb. The project is connected with the Biodiversity Exploratories (www.biodiversity-exploratories.de). Work will focus on testing methodology and investigation of **terrestrial predators**. Lab and field work will be required and the individual will need to be hard-working, physically fit and outdoorsy. Tree climbing experience is beneficial but not required. Furthermore the candidate should also have an interest in insect identification and data analysis.

The MSc student will work on his/her own project in cooperation with the PhD student. The MSc project will include the experimental use of two different types of containers for the purpose of creating microcosms and recording succession of insect and protist species. In order to investigate terrestrial predators the student will set up motion sensor cameras and review recordings. Within the project there will be room for development with your own ideas.

Ideally the project will begin in as soon as possible. If you are enticed by a summer full of field work in some beautiful regions of Germany while gaining research experience, please send a letter of motivation and CV to Anastasia Roberts: aroberts@oswego.edu. Further information can be found here: http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/biologie/arbeitsgruppen/zoologie/ag_petermann

