

'NOT WANTED' POSTER



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Name: _____

Date: _____

WHAT ARE INVASIVE SPECIES?

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals, and diseases that cause harm to the environment, human health and the economy.

WHY ARE INVASIVE SPECIES A PROBLEM?

Since they do not have any natural predators, invasive species can quickly take over an area - reproducing quickly and out-competing native species, disrupting food webs and ecosystems.

Some invaders can also threaten human health, like the mosquito-carried Zika and West Nile viruses.

In 2019, Ontario spent \$50.8 million on invasive species management.

ARE ALL SPECIES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES INVASIVE?

No - some non-native species are beneficial, such as honeybees, while others do not cause any real harm to the native ecosystem.

MATERIALS:

- Paper
- Colouring tools
- Access to internet

Instructions:

You will be making an "Old West" style 'Not Wanted' poster for an invasive species - get creative! Share a photo of it with us after.

1. Visit <http://kids.invadingspecies.com/>. Click on 'Species Profiles' and look at through the 7 invasive plant species.

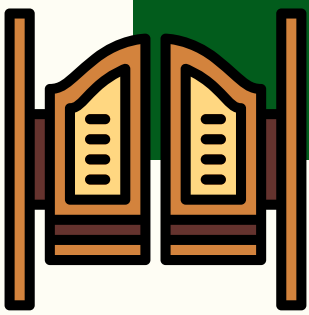
2. Pick a plant species and record it here: _____

3. Collect the following information to add creatively to your poster:

Legal Name (Scientific Name)

Nickname/Alias (Common Name)





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Distinguishing features (description, draw a picture on your poster)

Usual hideout (native area or where it is invading)

Wanted for (It's natural place in a food web or problems with species)

If seen then ... (what you can do to stop the spread)

