

Invasive Species

“WANTED POSTER”

http://whyfiles.org/160invasive_spec/index.html

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Also known as: Nonindigenous Species, Non-native Species, Introduced Species

Background Information: Go to the Environmental Literacy Council’s web page and read their information on Non-native Species:

<http://www.enviroliteracy.org/article.php/40.html>

Choose a Species: Visit one of the following web sites (or the links at the bottom of the above web page). The only requirement for choosing a species is that it must be a species that is invasive in the U.S.

1. A good place to find out about invasive species in California is
<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/profiles/main.shtml>
2. Species profile page of Invasivespecies.gov:
<http://invasivespecies.gov/profiles/main.shtml>
3. Biodiversity and Conservation: A Hypertext Book by Peter J. Bryant
<http://darwin.bio.uci.edu/~sustain/bio65/lec09/b65lec09.htm>

Research: Obtain more information on your species by doing a web search. Be sure to document your sources. (Title and address of all web pages used – put these on back of your poster)

The product:

1. A **“Wanted” poster** for your species. You must include:
NAME / ALSO KNOWN AS (latin name / common name / “criminal” name)
PICTURE – a drawing or photograph (color would be nice)
IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS – key features to look for when identifying the criminal
LAST SEEN – where did the species originally come from? include a map.
SUSPECTED HIDEOUTS - include a map of the U.S. with its current distribution shaded; description of preferred habitat
CRIMES COMMITTED by your species (crimes must be specific to your species and not general to all invasive species)
REWARD for elimination of your species (think ecologically, economically, socially, politically – again, be specific for your species)
Color, neatness, and creativity
2. **Bibliography** -- list of internet sites /web addresses OR appropriate bibliographic information on the back of the poster