**WANTED!**
Invasive Species Profile Poster Assignment

**The Situation**
Invasive species of all types have been an environmental concern in Canada since early European exploration. These species threaten the stability and health of Canada’s aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, and thus, they must be caught and serve time for their crimes! You will conduct research on an invasive species of your choice to learn about its origins, pathways, effects on the ecosystem in which it lives and what is being done to stop its ecological destruction.

**Your Task**

You work for Natural Resources Canada and your job is to become an expert on your invasive species so that you can do your best to catch the offender. You will create a WANTED! Profile poster of your invasive species. You can choose your invasive species from the list below. If you would like to do a different invasive species in Canada, see your teacher before you begin.

**Aquatic Species**\*Round Goby \*Zebra Mussels \*Fish Hook Water Flea \*Rusty Crayfish \*Quagga Mussel \*Sea Lamprey
\*Grass Carp \*Asian Carp \*Tubenose Goby \*Alewife \*Spiney Water Flea \*Rudd
**Insects**\*Asian long horn beetle \*Mountain Pine Beetle \*Pine Shoot Beetle \*Sirex Woodwasp
**Plants**\*Eurasian water - milfoil \*Purple loosestrife \*European frogbit \*Fanwort \*Norway Maple
\*Dames rocket \*Garlic mustard \*Flowering rush \*Dog Strangling Vine
\*Common buckthorn \*Phragmities \*Reed canary grass \*Tartarian honeysuckle

**Poster Instructions (Front)**

Create a professional poster that includes the following information on the front:

* **A mug shot photograph (centre) in addition to two other smaller photographs**
* **Scientific name**
* **Aliases (if any)**
* **Physical description**
* **Place of origin**
* **Pathway into Canada/Ontario and means of arrival**
* **Current habitat location(s)**
* **Place in the food web**
* **Victims: what species does it directly and/or indirectly affect in the ecosystem? (ie. what does it compete with, hunt etc. 2-3 sentences)**
* **Caution: Impacts on the aquatic and or terrestrial ecosystem (1 paragraph min.)**

Include references on back.

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