

# WANTED: Invasive Species



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An *INVASIVE SPECIES* is an *ORGANISM* that did not originate in, or is not native to, a certain area. They may be brought to an area on purpose or unintentionally. Invasive species can cause extreme damage to our *ECOSYSTEMS* and our resources.

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### SPECIES

Below are examples of invasive species found in New Hampshire:

- Asian Clam
- Asian Shore Crab
- Fishhook Water Flea
- Green Crab
- Mitten Crab
- Quagga Mussel
- Rusty Crayfish
- Spiny Water Flea
- Zebra Mussel



Green Crabs collected and measured at SSC for research

### RESEARCH

1. What organism did you choose to research? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When did it arrive in the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are 2 characteristics of this organism? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is the habitat of your species? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why is this species a problem? List at least 2 impacts it is having on the ecosystem and our resources \_\_\_\_\_  
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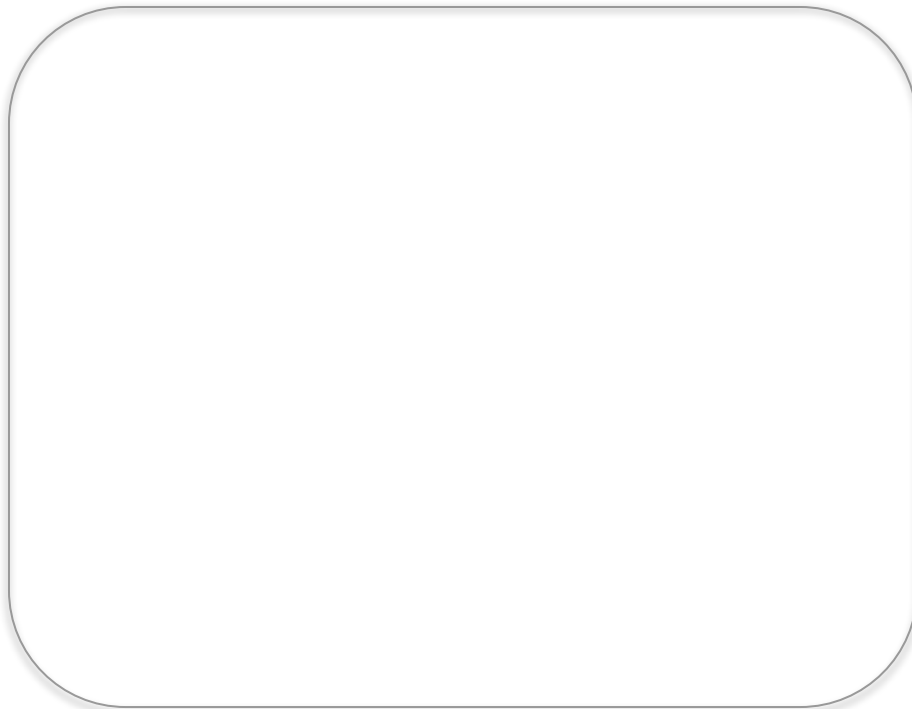
### ACTION

## Now Spread the Word!

Design and create a WANTED! Poster. Use our template on the next page to design your own poster or create a video to inform others about how your invasive species is impacting our ecosystem!



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**NAME:**

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**USUALLY CAN BE FOUND:**

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**APPEARANCE/DESCRIPTION:**

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**WANTED FOR:**

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**REWARD:**

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