

WHO AM I? MOST UNWANTED!

Agriculture is an important industry in the Cariboo, and invasive species are a big problem to producers. A changing climate may increase their spread, and even allow new species to move into the region! Keep your eyes open for these invasives!

Guess the invasive species below by reading through the clues on each *Who Am I?* card!

I have blue flowers and a hairy stem, and I love to live in dry pastures & sandy roadsides. I can produce up to 2000 seeds!



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I have pink or white flowers named after a helmet worn by a policeman(!) and my exploding seed pods can scatter seeds up to 7 metres away!



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My small white flowers have deeply notched petals, I am covered with rough hairs, and if horses eat me they could get very ill.



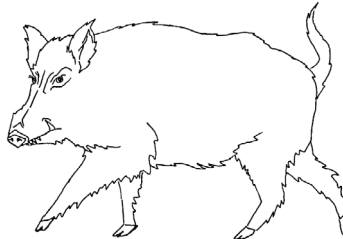
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My bamboo-like stems and plumes of small white flowers make me very attractive, but beware! My roots can grow up to 20 metres and burst through roads and house foundations!



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I look like a barnyard animal, but can destroy crops, spread disease, dig up roots and even attack goats and sheep!



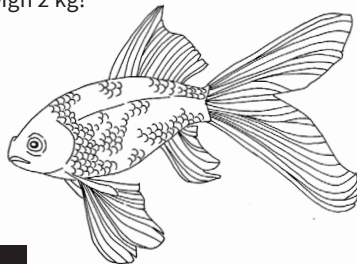
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I grow in pastures and rangeland to about 1 metre tall with small purple flowers, spiny wings all up my stem, and seeds like parachutes that blow in the wind.



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I am a common fishbowl pet, but get released into ponds and lakes by people who no longer want me. I compete with native fish as I can grow up to 40 cm and weigh 2 kg!



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People like planting me in their water gardens for my pretty yellow flowers and long green leaves, but I am poisonous and can grow so densely that I reduce habitat for wildlife and fish.



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I have a spreading root system, bushy stems, and lots of pinkish purple flowers on top of small "pinecone-like" green bases, and am poisonous to horses.



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