

Introduced Species

Ecology Research Project

Due – End of Week 5

Task

1. Use the internet to research **your** introduced species (work in pairs)
2. Create a poster based on your research. Include illustrations, labels and text (individually)
3. A **quick** presentation of your poster to the class (individually)

Marking

- Out of 20
- Will contribute to your half yearly report
- Depth and accuracy of researched information
- Quality of poster and evidence of creative effort

Introduction

When Europeans settled in Australia, they brought many plants and animals with them. These introduced species have had a serious effect on natural ecosystems causing the extinction or greatly reducing the numbers of many Australian native organisms. The introduced species have been able to flourish because usually they do not have any natural enemies that prey on them.

Tips for Research

Try answering some specific questions. For example:

- What does the species look like?
- Where did it originally come from?
- How did it get to Australia?
- Does it have any predators in Australia?
- What are the species' predators in its natural habitat?
- Where is it found in Australia, and in what type of habitat?
- What damage does it cause to Australian ecosystems?
- Are we doing anything to combat this species?