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Invasive species in Germany

**Dospivová, Dvůrák,
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What are invasive species?

- plant or animal
- not originated from that area
- cause of disruption in the natural harmony
- usually has nearly no predators



Northern Raccoon

- recognised for it's black mask around eyes
- can open bins
- really intelligent
- in Europe not that many predators
- eats anything
- danger to ground nesting birds



Nutria

- herbivorous rodent
- originates from south america
- it was spread as a animal farmed for its fur, but it quickly spread because of her breeding habits
- it has a destructive borrowing and feeding habits



Nile goose

- also known as Egyptian goose
- native to america
- on of the largest
- was kept as a watchdog and was a sacred bird



Giant Hogweed

- large plant from asia
- it was used as a decoration for parks in England
- it is toxic and direct contact with skin causes blisters and burns
- its root are deep underground, and from every piece a new plant can grow
- it is largely spread in central europe



Ambrosia

- originated from north america
- unwanted ballast with imported crops and material
- it takes a water from the plants that it grows with
- some types can grow nearly without any water but other need a lot of it
- grows in the near distance of human houses



Zebra Mussel

- small freshwater mussel from Russia
- it spreaded into most lakes and rivers in the whole Europe
- it's name is from the stripes on its back
- because of its habit of sticking on hard surfaces, it often lives as a parasite on other clams, which slowly kills them



Japanese Knotweed

- 2 meters and less in height
- growing in large packs
- origin in north eastern Asia
- full plant can grow from small piece
- large root system makes it hard to get rid of



Chinese mitten crab

- A medium-sized brown-green crab with hairy “mitten-like” claws and four small spines on each side of its shell.
- It erodes riverbanks by digging tunnels under the river banks and disrupts ecosystems by eating the eggs of indigenous fish and outcompeting local wildlife.

