

BE A CITIZEN SCIENTIST: STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES!

Invasive species are non-native plants, pests or seeds that are introduced to a new place and can spread quickly. They cause damage to trees, plants, bugs, and the ecosystem! **BUT** - you have the power to protect nature by making smart choices when you camp, hike, bike, or explore outside to stop the spread.

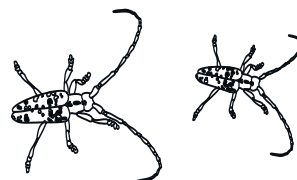
Outdoor adventure checklist

Review this list every time you **camp, bike, hike,** or **play outside:**

- ☐ I checked my boots and gear for mud, bugs, or seeds
- ☐ I stayed on marked trails
- ☐ I didn't bring home plants, seeds, rocks or firewood from far away
- ☐ I packed out all my garbage
- ☐ I kept my pet's paws clean
- ☐ I made careful observations like a citizen scientist
- ☐ I left nature just the way I found it



COLOUR THIS FOREST SCENE AND TRY TO FIND THE 7 HIDDEN BUGS!



Scan here to learn more about invasive species and test your knowledge!



SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS?

REPORT IT LIKE A REAL SCIENTIST!

- 1 Take a clear photo or do a quick sketch of the pest.
- 2 Write down your location, date, and what you saw.
 - What area are you in? (garden, forest...)
 - What was the environment like? (sunny, shady...)
 - Did you notice any dead leaves, wood shavings, or other mysterious signs?
- 3 Get a grown-up to help you report your findings to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.



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Use your
skills to
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