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SPACE INVADERS

Humans are not the only living species that travels around the world. Some animals and plants, such as the ones you read about in this week's cover story, have come from far away to find new homes in the U.S. Many of these species are unwelcome because they compete for food and habitats with native animals and plants.

Use this week's cover story to complete the chart below. Then use it to answer the questions.

SPECIES	WHERE IT COMES FROM	HOW IT FIRST CAME TO THE U.S.	A PLACE WHERE IT HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE U.S.	WHY IT'S HARMFUL
Zebra mussel		attached to the sides of ocean-sailing boats	Great Lakes region	
Snakehead (fish)		imported for food		eats native fish and other animals
Nutria (rodent)	South America	imported for its fur		
Coqui (shrieking frog)	Caribbean	attached to plants	forests in Hawaii	
Asian long-horned beetle	China			
Carp (fish)	Asia	imported for use in man-made ponds	Mississippi River	competes with native fish for food

1. Name one species that is causing problems in U.S. lakes and rivers.

2. Which species comes from the Caribbean?

3a. Name one species that was imported, or brought into the U.S. on purpose.

3b. How is this species now harming the environment?

4. Which species is killing maple, elm and birch trees in Chicago and New York City?
