### **Invasive Species Project**

1. Use one of the links below to choose an invasive species that is affecting Michigan.

http://www.defenders.org/publications/michigan.pdf
http://www.michigan.gov/invasives/0,5664,7-324-68002---,00.html

- 2. Read all about your chosen organism, and then collect the following information.
  - a. SUSPECT: Name/A picture of the organism
  - b. SUSPECT HIDE OUT: Origin (where it's from)
  - c. CRIMES COMMITTED: WHO does it threaten, Why it is a threat to natives
  - d. REWARD: What will happen if we remove it?
  - e. Join us: How can we help?
  - f. Distinguishing Features : A description of the organism
- 3. Use ALL of this information to create a "WANTED" poster. There are some examples on this page. All information & at least one picture must be included.

## You can use Google Docs, Google slides, or drawing to create the "Wanted poster"

#### **Invasive Species Project Rubric**

Each topic is covered on the WANTED poster	/14
Notes on back of this page	/5
Wanted vocabulary is used	/2
Project is good quality (neat, not too busy)	/5
Spelling	/2
Total	/25

# WANTED



## (Dead, Not Alive) SCOTCH

## THISTLE

(a.k.a. Onopordum acanthium)

Last Seen Growing In This Vicinity



## **Distinguishing Features**

reaches 8 to 10 feet in height

stems are erect, branching sharp spiny leaf wings extend down the stem

basal leaves may be over 2 feet long and 1 foot wide

Pleaves are coarsely lobed; fine, dense hair on both sides; sharp spines on margins

Flowers are violet to reddish, 1 to 2 inches in diameter, solitary and numerous

## **Crimes Committed**

choking out and the deliberate takeover of other plant's growing space

stealing, land, homes, and food from wildlife and livestock

corrupting and invading open lands, roadsides, and recreation areas

wreaking havoc and mayhem on innocent, unsuspecting ecosystems

## Join the Scotch Thistle Patrol

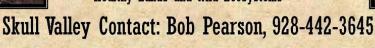
Thelp stop the spread of this weedy, seedy desperado

remove flowers and double bag, pull plants before they seed

remove all weed seeds from clothing, shoes, pets, and vehicles

### Reward

Healthy Lands and Wild Ecosystems





0	NAME:
0	Origin (where its from)
0	What native organism(s) it threatens
0	Why it is a threat to natives
0	What will happen if we remove it?
0	Join us: How can we help?
0	A description of the organism
0	A picture of the organism