



Research Assignment:

Introduced Species

Many plant and animal species have been introduced into Australia during the past two hundred years. They have established populations that have in some cases threatened the natural populations of Australian animals and

plants. Most species were introduced deliberately, but some were accidentally introduced. Some examples of introduced species are:

Ragwort, Mimosa, Pampas Grass, Starling, Fox, Rabbit, Cane Toad, Blackberry, Rat, Mouse, Boneseed, House Sparrow, European Wasp, Prickly Pear, Water Hyacinth, Feral Cats and Dogs. Check out the wikipedia page called "List of Introduced Species" for even more.

TASK

Select **ONE** species that has been introduced into Australia and research the following questions:

1. Why and when was the species introduced? Or if by accident, how and when? (1)
2. Why did the species thrive and increase in numbers in the Australian environment? (1)
3. What problems has the introduction of the species caused in Australia? (2)
4. What are the methods of controlling the introduced species? How successful have these methods been? (2)

Your research should be between 600-1000 words



MARKS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS: -

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