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Invasive Species Centre's (on behalf of the Canadian Invasive Species Awareness Week Core Partner Group)

## **Invasive Species Awareness Bioblitz**

### Terms and Conditions

**Early bird draw: March 3, 2024 at 5 p.m. ET**

**Bioblitz draw: September 16, 2024 at 10 a.m. ET**

Contest landing page can be found [here](#).

#### **Disclaimer**

By law, this contest complies with provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada. Anyone participating in this contest does so with the understanding that participation is at your own risk. The Invasive Species Centre (ISC) and all partners on this project cannot be held liable for any injuries or actions undertaken by participants. Partners include but are not limiting to the Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network, Duck Unlimited Canada, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association, Forests Ontario, Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council.

This is a reporting-only contest. Management of any species is outside the scope of this contest and should only be conducted on your personal property or acquisition of the proper authorizations and permission to access any land not owned by the participant is required. Reporting can take place on any private or public property you have permission to access. By submitting an entry to the digital entry form you are confirming you have read and understood the disclaimers and rules laid out in this document.

#### **Rules**

There are two (2) contests in this project.

1. **Early-Bird Contest:** Join the [Invasive Species Awareness Bioblitz](#) on iNaturalist, as well as the regional project based on where you reside. Only residents of Canada are eligible for entry into the contest. The winner will be notified via iNaturalist.
2. **Bioblitz Contest:** The top iNaturalist users per region (5) who report the most sightings of invasive species will win a prize. The top reporters will be selected and notified via iNaturalist.

Only residents of Canada are eligible for entry into either contest. Following each draw the winner will be contacted via the iNaturalist platform and mailing address will be requested at that time to receive their prize. Only the winners will be notified.



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### **Limitation of Liability**

By entering this Contest, all entrants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless ISC and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents and their employees, officers, directors and representatives from any claims, losses and damages arising out of their participation or any contest-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse or possession of any prize awarded here under ISC assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or delay in operation or transmission communications line failure, theft or destruction of or unauthorized access to contest entries or entry forms or alteration of entries or entry destruction of or unauthorized access to contest entries or entry forms or alteration of entries or entry forms. ISC is not responsible for any problems with or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any email entry to be received on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or any website, human errors of any kind, or in any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to entrants or any other persons computers related to or resulting from participation, uploading or downloading any materials related to in this Contest.

### **Conditions**

This Contest is void where prohibited anywhere outside of Canada. Entrants agree that this Contest shall be subject and governed by the laws of Canada and the forum for any disputes shall be in Canada.

To the extent permitted by law, the right to litigate, to seek injunctive relief or to make any other resource to judicial or any other procedure in case of disputes or claims resulting from or in connection with this Contest are hereby excluded and any entrant expressly waives any and all such rights. By entering, entrants agree (a) to be bound by these Official Rules; (b) that the decisions of the ISC are final and binding with respect to all matters relating to the winners. In the event that the selected winner(s) of any prize is/are ineligible, cannot be traced or does/do not respond within ten (10) days to a winner notification email as required by the Contest Terms and Conditions, fails to answer the skill testing question within 24 hours of receiving the question, or refuses the prize, the prize will be forfeited and ISC, in its sole discretion, may choose whether to award the prize to another entrant.

The ISC reserves the right to verify the validity and originality of any entry and/or entrant (including an entrant's identity and address) and to disqualify any entrant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these terms and conditions, or who tampers with the entry process. Failure by the ISC or its partners to enforce any of its rights at any stage does not constitute a waiver of those rights. The ISC holds no financial responsibility for any prizes damaged as a result of shipping or handling. The ISC holds the right to check the validity of all entries made to ensure they comply with these Terms and Conditions. Noncompliance or return of prize notification is undeliverable, whether by regular mail or by email, may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate potential winner.



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### **Data Privacy**

Entrants agree that personal data, especially name, email address and mailing address, may be processed, shared and otherwise used for the purpose and within the context of the Contest and any other purposes outlined in these Terms and Conditions. The data may also be used by the ISC in order to verify the participants identify, postal address, and telephone number or to otherwise verify the participant's eligibility to participate in the Contest. Participants have the right to access, review, rectify, or cancel any personal data held by ISC, 1219 Queen St. East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 2E5, Canada. Photographs submitted will not be used or shared by the ISC without expressed permission from the entrant.

### **Right to Cancel or Suspend Contest**

If for any reason the Contest is not capable of running as planned, ISC reserves the right, at its sole discretion to terminate the contest.

### **Skill Testing Question**

There is no purchase necessary to enter the Contest. Prize redemption is conditional on the winner(s) answering a skill testing question (STQ) without the use of external aids within 24 hours of the email notification announcing their name being drawn. Contestants will give written affirmation that no outside assistance was used in answering the STQ.

**All entrants are responsible for complying by these rules.**

**All inquiries can be sent to [info@invasivespeciescentre.ca](mailto:info@invasivespeciescentre.ca).**