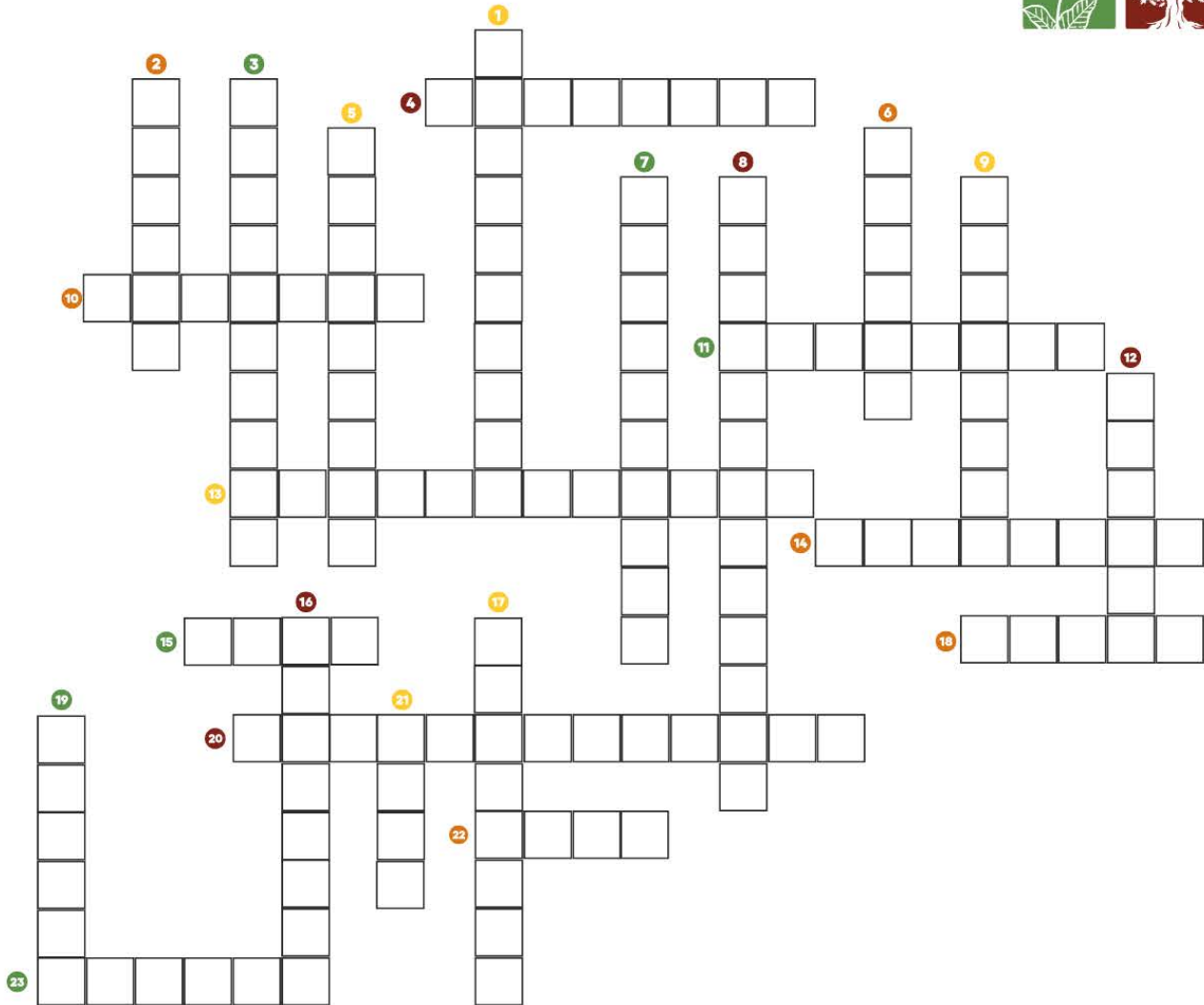


# Michigan Native & Invasive Species

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

4. A large white bird with an elegant neck, bright orange beak, and isn't native to Michigan
10. A native butterfly species that depends heavily on milkweed for their lifecycle
11. A species of invasive crayfish that look like miniature lobsters
13. A species of land snail that grows up to 8 inches in size
14. A cat species that is arguably one of the world's most invasive species
15. This acronym stands for Cooperative Weed Management Area
18. A species of salamander that is native to Michigan and is related to axolotls
20. A pretty pink wetland flower in the family Butomaceae that isn't native to the Great Lakes area
22. A species of invasive honeysuckle that are distinctly shrub-like and have vertical lines up and down the bark
23. A native species of tree that has pretty, small pink flowers that are edible

### DOWN

1. A rose that is invasive in Michigan but was used in soil conservation efforts
2. Northern blue flag iris is native while this one is not
3. The only species of rattlesnake that exists in Michigan
5. A disease in beech trees thought to be caused by a nematode
6. This buckthorn's scientific name is *Frangula alnus*
7. A tall plant with fluffy seed-heads; you see them along the roadways and in ditches
8. A native plant that produces a stunning white flower and is state-threatened in Michigan
9. A species that does NOT naturally exist in an area and causes harm
12. A species that does naturally exist in an area
16. Native plant that produces large seed pods that have seeds with white, flossy hairs
17. A native plant that is sometimes referred to as Bee Balm
19. A carp species that is well-known to launch itself out of the water when disturbed
21. A species of invasive catfish that was featured on Animal Planet's show *River Monsters*; not yet found in Michigan



## Detroit River Western Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management Area



### Do you know us?

We're your local resource on invasive species management! We're a grant funded organization dedicated to helping Wayne and Monroe Counties with invasive species. If you're ever in need of advice or just have questions, feel free to contact us via phone, email, Facebook, or our website!

### Invasives: Did you know?



*Phragmites*

Phragmites is edible. The entire plant is able to be consumed raw or cooked! It's even used to make flour.

Mute Swans are among the largest, heaviest birds that are alive today. Their wingspan can easily reach up to 7.8 feet



*Mute Swan*



*Silver Carp*

Silver Carp are well-known for jumping out of the water when startled. Interestingly enough, the ones in their native Asian range are much less prone to jumping.

Giant African Land Snails can cause structural damage to buildings by eating stucco and other materials that contain calcium!



*Giant African Snail*



*Tree-of-Heaven*

A sure-fire way to identify Tree-of-Heaven is to rub its flowers or leaves. They have a distinct, unpleasant odor similar to rotten peanut butter.

Garlic mustard is often used in cooking or food prep as gamish and flavoring. The leaves have a distinct taste of both garlic and mustard.



*Garlic Mustard*