

Which one am I?

30
mins



Activity guide:

Equipment required:

- Printed worksheet
- Pens and pencils

Before starting the worksheet:

1. This works best if it is done after some introductory work on invasive species and after the other activities within this topic so that the pupils are familiar with common invasive species.

To complete the worksheet:

1. Split class into partners
2. The partners work through the sheet trying to use the clues to identify which species is being described.

Answers - Which one am I?

- 1) Himalayan balsam
- 2) American mink
- 3) Giant hogweed

Which one am I?



Scientists use key features to identify different species.
Using the descriptive clues below, work out which invasive species they are describing and tick the right box.

1) Which one am I?

Leaves have jagged edges and a reddish middle line

Trumpet-shaped pink flowers that sometimes have white spots inside

Bright green leaves join the stem in layers of 3 to 5 leaves each time

Himalayan balsam

Chinese mitten crab

Giant hogweed

2) Which one am I?

Mostly nocturnal or active at dusk

White patches on chin and throat

Tail between 13-23cm and covered in dark brown fur

Grey squirrel

American mink

Chinese mitten crab

3) Which one am I?

Sharply divided and serrated leaves with bristles underneath

White or pinkish umbrella shaped flowers up to 80cm across

Very tall, can grow up to 6m tall

Himalayan balsam

Giant hogweed

Japanese hogweed



Himalayan balsam can grow up to 2.5m high from seed in one summer season.