

The Indian Mynah bird is not from Vanuatu. It was brought here from overseas and is now causing lots of problems.

Mynah birds push out native birds, competing for food and places to nest.

They can pass and spread disease.

They eat our crops and spread the seeds of weeds.

Mynah birds like to build their nest in the roof of our houses. If you find a nest, destroy it and all the eggs.



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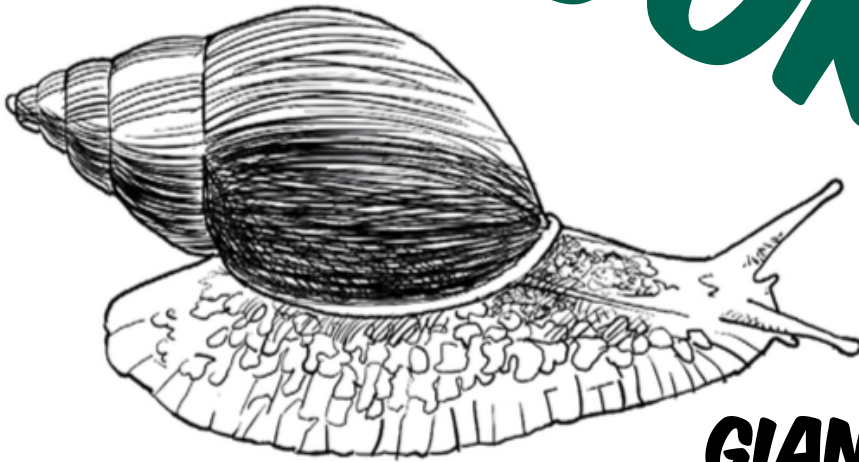
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**INDIAN MYNAH BIRD**

An Invasive Species



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## **GIANT AFRICAN SNAIL**

An Invasive Species

The trail left on leaves can make people very sick if they eat it raw.

African snails eat lots of different crops in our garden.

**Wash any leaves well before you eat them - especially if you want to eat them raw.**

Pick up snails out of the garden and throw them in the fire or the deep salt water

The Giant African Snail is a big problem in lots of countries. It was brought to Vanuatu and has spread quickly to many islands.





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## **PACIFIC RAT**

An Invasive Species

Make sure food is stored safely and rubbish is cleaned up quickly, not left around the house. Set up traps.

Rats can pass disease.

They eat our crops and food - reducing earnings from the garden.

Rats eat the eggs of other animals, reducing native populations.

There is a huge problem with rats in Vanuatu. They came from overseas and their population exploded!

Big Leaf Rope is a big problem in many islands across Vanuatu. The vine can grow very quickly, spoiling the environment, biodiversity and our gardens.

When Big Leaf Rope takes over it can kill native trees and plants.

Big Leaf destroys native bird and animal habitats.

It can make it very hard to maintain your garden.

Clear the Big Leaf Rope and plant crops and trees that will cover the ground and stop the Big Leaf seeds from growing.


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## **BIG LEAF ROPE**

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Fire ants are a quickly growing problem in Vanuatu. We need to work now to stop them from spreading to new communities.

Fire ants have a painful sting. They can cause a big problem in places such as your home or garden

They can have a negative impact on other plants, animals and insects.

Humans accidentally spread them to new locations

You need to use a special bait to kill fire ants. Be careful not to spread them to a new place through fire wood / plant material



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## LITTLE FIRE ANT

An Invasive Species



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## **CROWN OF THORNS**

An Invasive Species

Crown of thorns can breed and increase very quickly.

Crown of Thorns eat coral,  
slowly killing the reef and  
the fish that live on it.

When you take them out of the  
sea, they release all their eggs  
and many new ones can grow.

Injecting lime  
juice and vinegar  
into the starfish  
kills it, without a  
chance to release  
more eggs.

Crown of Thorns is a native starfish in Vanuatu. However after lots of changes on land and at sea, their numbers have grown very fast. Now they are causing much damage to our reefs.



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## TILAPIA FISH

An Invasive Species

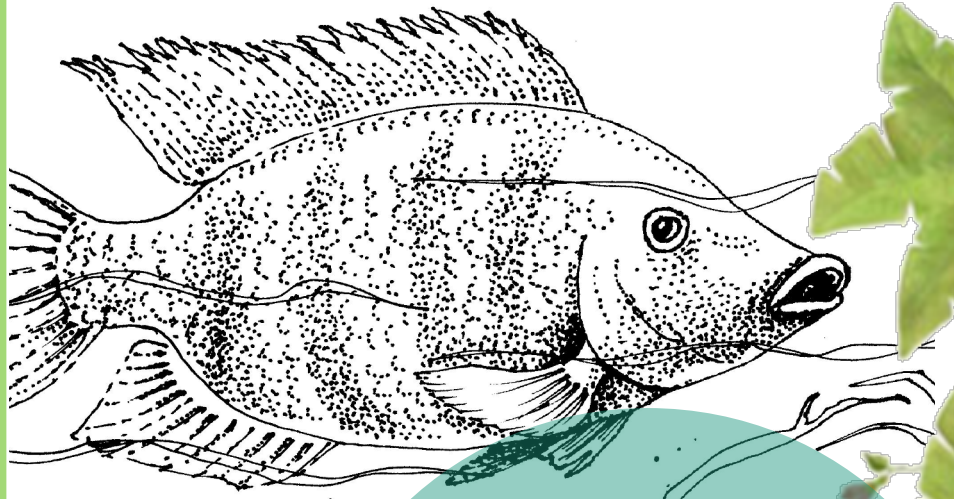


Tilapia fish was imported to Vanuatu to farm. While this can work well, if they escape from the farm and end up in other water sources they will spoil native fish species.

Tilapia can reproduce very quickly, allowing populations to grow fast

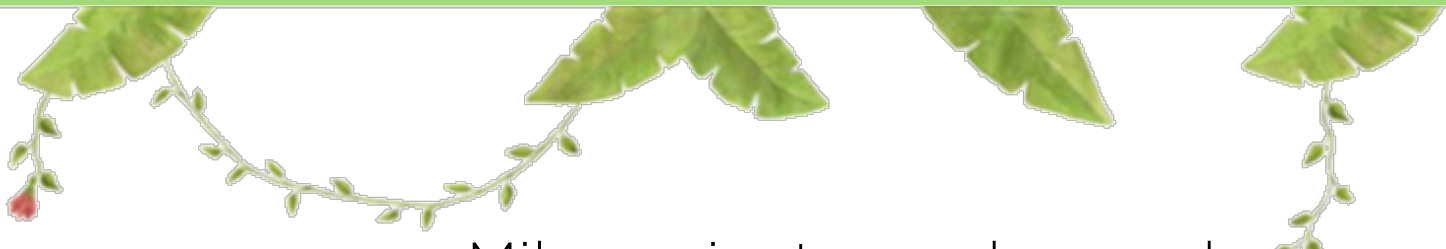
They compete with native fish for food.

This can decrease the number of native fish, and change the river eco-system.



If you want to farm Tilapia, make sure they are in a secure pond, where they cannot get to other water sources.

Mile a minute can be useful, but it can also make lots of problems. The vine grows very fast, and can damage our environment, crops and biodiversity



Mile a minute can be used as medicine.

But it also grows very quickly. It can grow over trees and other plants.

The vine can smother and kill other native plants, reducing fruit, nut and timber trees.

Do not plant Mile a Minute in a new place. Clear the vine out of trees and gardens.



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**MILE A MINUTE**  
An Invasive Species



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Tulip trees are not yet a problem in Vanuatu. But in other Pacific Island countries their numbers are growing very fast, and are starting to cause real problems.

Tulip trees spread quickly and take up space for other native

We need to work now to reduce them before it becomes a problem

Do not plant new Tulip trees. Cut down any new ones.

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**TULIP TREE**  
An Invasive Species

