

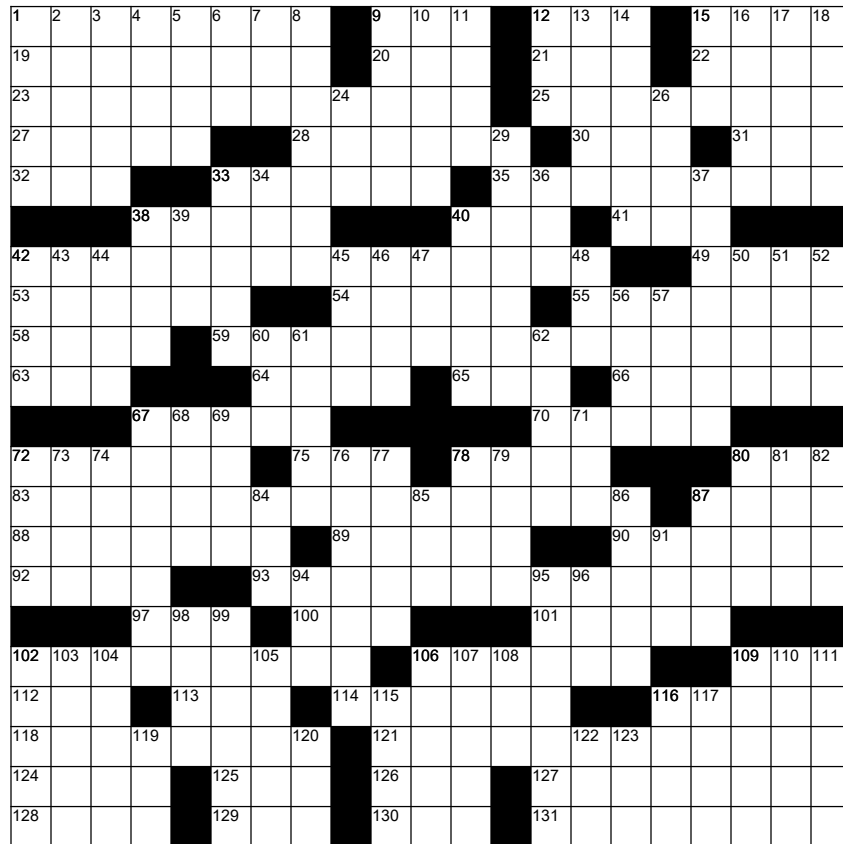
Invasive Species

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The answer to this week's meta is an 8-letter word.

ACROSS

1. Had a no-blinking contest with
9. Camel ___ hydration pack
12. Language spoken in Nigeria
15. Quiet "Over here!"
19. Battle site in San Antonio
20. University in Troy, NY
21. Like Korean, grammatically: Abbr.
22. Where the official state snack is Jell-O
23. The NFL's "Rocket"
25. Makeover series starring the Fab Five
27. Component of Chinese five-spice powder
28. Birth city of Celia Cruz
30. Support provider
31. GOP org.
32. Some soccer shots: Abbr.
33. No longer snuggled up
35. Yuletide sentiment expressed by Dean Martin
38. Team option to a fan of the Twilight Saga
40. Where a yodeler might get down to business
41. Recipe amt.
42. "Who?"
49. Like volume turned all the way up
53. Each
54. Sister of Chloe in an R&B duo
55. "Look Back in Anger" playwright John
58. Orange juice matter some people find repulsive
59. Mathematical subject involving variables and quantifiers
63. Lincoln, casually
64. COVID-19 prevention necessity
65. Itty bitty
66. Gently throw at
67. Dug into
70. Airplane seating option
72. Actor Jean-___ Van Damme
75. Popular subreddit for Q&As
78. Not nearby
80. Emeril catchphrase
83. Worker with a small income
87. Pilaf ingredient
88. At this point in time
89. Nugget, e.g.
90. Last name of a mouse perplexingly taken in by humans and raised as their son
92. Place to take a number
93. Potential accident on a lake
97. Computer-connection system: Abbr.
100. "___ a wizard, Harry"
101. One with gill-y hands?
102. Tragic lunar mission of 1967
106. Entree baked in pastry dough
109. Breathalyzer stat
112. Mare, to a foal
113. Only dwarf who might patronize Lenscrafters
114. Pizza chain seemingly only found in malls and airports
116. São ___, Brazil
118. "I like the way you think!"
121. Keeper of keys and grounds at Hogwarts
124. Prefix with -vore or -present



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125. Young chap
126. When repeated, "so-so" in Spanish
127. Bother
128. With 129-Across, bird feature that is especially important for moving in the right direction
129. See 128-Across
130. Understand, as a joke
131. Up and went

DOWN

1. Satchel feature
2. Show gratitude toward
3. Ancient Greek shield that bore the head of a gorgon
4. Sounds heard from the bleachers
5. "Night" writer Wiesel
6. Pat daintily
7. Buddy in Bordeaux
8. Tech company headquartered in Tokyo
9. Pixar film that takes place in the Scottish Highlands
10. À la bee
11. Hot pot spot?
12. Lawyerly letters
13. Skepticism
14. Beyond done
15. Brita rival
16. Back of a barge
17. Shake one's head, verbally
18. "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" airer
24. "Live ___" (advice from Taco Bell)
26. Digs in
29. How one might describe the gang?

33. Pains' partners
34. ___ v. Wade
36. Prefix with -dural or -taph
37. Peach and onion mixture invented by accident in "Holes"
38. Maker of Wranglers and Renegades
39. ___ de Triomphe
40. Running, as water
42. California wine valley
43. Alternative to PDF
44. Despicable
45. Letters found on frats, and phonetically, where some frats are found
46. Clammy
47. Like a dog that can't learn new tricks
48. "Eeny, meeny, miny, ___."
50. Grps.
51. Knot or foot, for example
52. Art style of 30 Rock
56. Miss, in Mex.
57. Group of voters
60. Paramore's genre
61. Gondola's passageway
62. Process through which an atom becomes radioactive
67. Carry out
68. Blissful Genesis locale
69. American new wave band known for wearing energy domes
71. Subject of metallurgy
72. Swathed
73. Fail to connect four, say
74. Not at one's post, briefly
76. Ones who are guided
77. Fossil preserver

78. Pub offerings
79. It may have 3 or 4 tines
80. ___-Honey
81. Org. concerned with citizens' rights
82. ___ and greet
84. "Icky icky!"
85. Golf target
86. Leave out, as a syllable
87. Rds. and sts.
91. Initialism used by beer drinkers and linguists
94. First name in Objectivism
95. Seize
96. Nintendo console with motion-sense technology
98. German grocery chain that shares a history with Trader Joe's
99. Flotation device in a pool
102. Subjectless denial on the playground
103. Un soneto, por ejemplo
104. Resident of Muscat
105. Poseidon's domain
106. Hit the space bar on a YouTube video
107. Planetary path
108. Quattro meno uno
109. Red in the face?
110. Author Walker
111. Worked in Java?
115. Toot one's horn
116. "¿Qué ___?"
117. Seaweed-based thickener
119. 'Fore
120. Put 2 and 2 together, say
122. Take to court
123. Unlike dweebs