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KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

Quorum Court Minutes

8/26/2013

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-7 APPROVED

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2013
7:00 p.m.

NOTE: The August 26, 2013 Quorum Court Meeting will be held at the Craighead County Extension Office. The Extension Office is graciously hosting their annual meal for the Quorum Court members. (611 E. Washington)

Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

Judge Hill will brief the full court on any updates or information concerning any ongoing projects or business, including Bono Lake.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes; July, 2013 meetings.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - ✓ a. Public Service Committee Report
 - ✓ b. Finance and Administration Committee Report
 - ✓ c. Roads and Transportation Committee Report
- IV. Old Business:
 - None
- V. New Business:
 - A. Appropriation Ordinance to amend the 2013 County Budget

August 26, 2013 Quorum Court Meeting

13 Justices of the Peace present.

Judge **Ed Hill** called the meeting to order.

Justice **Barbara Weinstock** moved to approve the minutes for the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Justice **Terry Couch**.

Justice **Fred Bowers** read the minutes from the August 12, 2013 Public Service Committee Meeting - *Appendix 1*.

Justice **Bob Blankenship** read the minutes from the August 12, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting - *Appendix 2*. Justice **Ray Kidd** inquired how the Finance Committee Members planned to generate additional revenue. Justice **Blankenship** stated that nothing definitive was discussed but that none of the potential prospects included tax increases.

Justice **Mike Hawkins** read the minutes from the August 12, 2013 Roads and Transportation Committee meeting - *Appendix 3*.

Judge **Hill** updated the Court on Bono Lake Project, informing them that final steps are being taken to finish the lake. Justice **Josh Longmire** asked for a timeline on when the project will be completed. Judge **Hill** answered that the completion of the project would take place in two to three weeks and that Bono Lake would be open by mid-October.

County Clerk **Kade Holliday** read Appropriation Ordinance 2013-7 to the Court - *Appendix 4*. Justice **Ken Stacks** observed one error within the figures. Changes were noted. Justice **Longmire** moved to pass the Ordinance. Justice **Kidd** seconded.

Justice **Kevin Hoke** and Justice **Blankenship** questioned the addition of the budget for the part time positions stating that it resembled the proposal for the Resource Officer at Bay School. **Tony Thomas**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, informed the Court that the two issues were separate and that this particular Ordinance was for the Drug Task Force and the Resource Officer. Justice **Kenny Hendrix** inquired about the cost and expressed concern that the Finance Committee was not informed of the budget increase. Justice **Weinstock** also addressed concern over the combining of the Resource Officer and the part time for the Drug Task Force into one Ordinance. **Thomas** explained that full time positions must be approved by the Court and that the two issues were put into one Ordinance as a "mini clean-up" **Thomas** explained that the part time position for the Drug Task Force will be fully reimbursed by the Federal Government.

Justice **Stacks** moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Justice **Jim Bryant**.

Also distributed to the Court was the Annual Report of the Craighead Conservation District - *Appendix 5*.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
August 12, 2013

Public Service members assembled after full court business.

Meeting assembled, with Chairman Fred Bowers, Barbara Weinsstock, and Ken Stacks present. Josh Longmire was absent.

Members talked briefly, but with no business for the committee to discuss, members agreed unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Appendix 1

Finance Committee Meeting

August 12, 2013

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Bob Blankenship, and Justices Kenny Hendrix, Jim Bryant, Kevin Hoke, and Dana Watkins.

Others present: Al Haines, County Clerk Kade Holliday, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, and County Collector Marsha Phillips.

Press: None

The Finance Committee Members assembled at 7:20 PM after the full court meeting and discussed the following:

Treasurer McNatt informed the committee that budget time is fast approaching and he is reviewing all funds and revenues.

Collector Phillips advised the committee that she is in the process of implementing on line tax statements that will allow taxpayers to review and print their current tax statements on line thereby saving postage costs. Paying taxes on line has been available for several years to the public.

There was general discussion on road issues and possible ways to generate additional revenue. No action taken on any discussion.

Reviewed revenue and expenditure reports for July, 2013.

With no other business to be discussed, the Finance Committee stood adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
August 12, 2013
Roads and Transportation Committee

Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Terry Couch, Mike Hawkins, and Ray Kidd.

Others present included Charles Curtis, Ms. Cornelius, Judge Ed Hill, Eugene Neff—Road Superintendent, Ruby Putt, Tina Scrape, and John Reeves.

Justice Hawkins called the meeting to order and the following business was discussed:

1. Eugene Neff delivered his monthly road report (also distributed to the full court).
2. Mike Hawkins addressed some road issues in his district. Neff indicated he would have a crew look into these issues.
3. Ruby Putt is continuing to work with property owners on CR 460 regarding the purchase of tiles for road improvements and acceptance. Ms. Putt indicated significant process had been made and that all tiles should be secured soon.

With no other business, the committee adjourned.

FILED**AUG 27 2013****KADE HOLLIDAY**
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

An Ordinance amending the 2013 Annual Operating Budget to add Fund 3039, Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee Fund, established by act 291 of 2013, Fund 3504, Drug Court Grant Fund, Add a position and salary to Sheriff's general budget to fund a school resource officer for Bay Public Schools, and add a part time position and salary to Drug Task Force.

SECTION 1. That monies have become available to Craighead County through state commissioned sale of real property, state grants, pass-thru monies, donated monies, other sources of revenue, and general funds. Special revenue funds will receipted, expensed, and will be utilized in accordance with the applicable guidelines and will be subject to audit procedures and other state and federal grant stipulations. General funding will be expended according to appropriations.

SECTION 2. That special revenue and general monies are to be appropriated and expended for purposes so specified in this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That these new funds, departments, and line categories will be created in the 2013 Annual Operating Budget to allow for accurate accounting of incoming monies and expenditures, and listing increases in projected special revenues as described below.

		<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
	Special Revenue Projections	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
FUND 3039	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee Fund	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
Dept 0102	Commissioned Real-estate Sales(Act 291 of 2013)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
2001	General Office Supplies		\$ 7,000.00	\$0.00
2002	Small Equipment		\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00
3100	Other Miscellaneous		\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00
	Total Amount		\$10,000.00	
	Special Revenue Projections	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Fund 3504	Drug Court Grant Fund	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
Dept 0808	Drug Court Grant Fund	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
3030	Travel	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
3100	Other Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	Total Amount		\$3,000.00	
Fund 1000	County Sheriff	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
Dept 0400	School Resource Officer(Add position & Salary)	\$2,832,592.11	\$21,675.07	\$2,810,917.04
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
1001	Salaries	\$1,592,540.34	\$15,641.74	\$1,576,898.60
1006	Social Security Match	\$121,829.33	\$1,196.59	\$120,632.74
1007	Retirement Match	\$224,427.78	\$2,327.49	\$222,100.29
1009	Health Insurance Match	\$240,636.13	\$1,938.13	\$238,698.00
1010	Workmen's Compensation	\$23,549.12	\$283.12	\$23,266.00
1011	Unemployment	\$11,232.00	\$288.00	\$10,944.00
	Total Amount		\$21,675.07	

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Appendix 4

Fund 1000	Drug Task Force	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
Dept 0424	Drug Task Force	\$108,599.60	\$4,758.13	\$103,841.47
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Old</u>
1002	Salaries PT (less than 80 hrs/mo)(\$8.50/HR)	\$4,420.00	\$4,420.00	\$0.00
1006	Social Security Match	\$6,140.92	\$338.13	\$5,802.79
	Total Amount		\$4,758.13	

There are hereby established new special revenue funds and appropriated funding in special revenue funds as well as additional funding in general departments as outlined in above funds, departments, and expense line items. These funds shall be established in the chart of accounts by the County Treasurer and entered into the accounts payable appropriations journal by the County Clerk as described, upon passage of this appropriation ordinance.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2013.

Approved: Ed Hill

Ed Hill

Craighead County Judge

Attest:

Kade Holliday

Craighead County Clerk

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COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

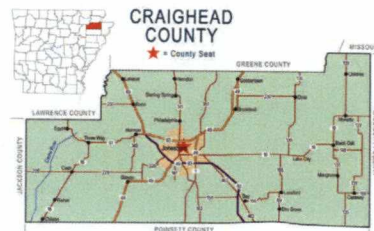
**ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CRAIGHEAD
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT TO THE
CRAIGHEAD
COUNTY QUORUM
COURT**

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

CRAIGHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Annual Report for July, 2012—June, 2013

The mission of the Craighead Conservation District is to provide local leadership in the conservation and wise use of soil, water and related resources through a balanced information, education and technical assistance program that protects, restores, and improves those resources for future generations.



The Craighead Conservation District is governed by a board of five directors who pledge to promote the wise use of soil and water in the county. The board has a strong commitment to develop a comprehensive plan of work that will meet the needs of the citizens of our county and to protect the quality of life for future generations to come.

DIRECTORS:

Alec Farmer, Chairman
Greg Nall, Vice-Chairman
Danny Finch, Secretary
Mike Hook, Member
Jerry Don Clark, Member

OFFICE STAFF:

Kevin Cochran, NRCS District Conservationist
Jerry Smith, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician
Mary Clayton, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Vicki King, District Secretary
Ashton Nichols, MRBI Technician
Britt Morrison, WRP Technician



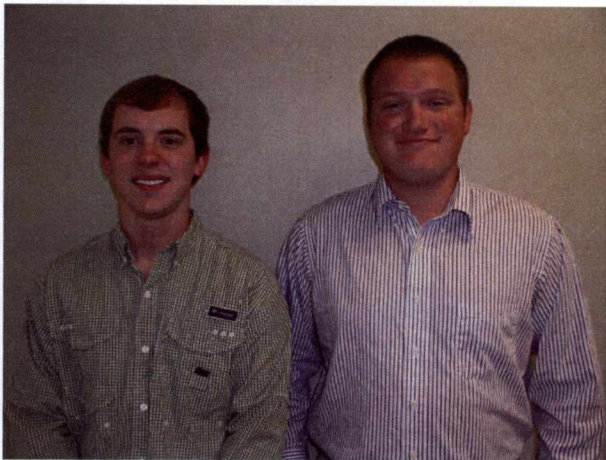
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District Newsletter

A newsletter is prepared in Microsoft Publisher four times each year and e-mailed to several hundred people. Included in this report is a copy of our May, 2013 newsletter.

ASU Scholarships



Annually, the Craighead Conservation District rewards two ASU juniors or seniors, majoring in agriculture, a \$1,000 scholarship each. This year the winners were John Singleton and Chad Easton.

Poster Contest

A poster contest was held for all 4th graders in Craighead County. The theme was 'Soil to Spoon'. The winners were all from Ridgefield Christian School. First place winner of \$100 was Emma Higgins; Second place winner of \$75 was Abbi Grissom; and third place winner of \$50 was Lexie South.



District Cost-Share Program

The District has a land-leveling design cost-share program. We pay \$5.00 per acre up to \$1,000.00 per entity per year on the design. The landowner or farmer fills out an application and provides the district with a cut sheet (design of field) and a receipt showing they paid for the design. After the field is leveled, the district technician does an inspection then the board approves it for payment.

District Technician

The conservation district employed a District Technician, for one quarter, funded through the 'Grants to Districts' program of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

MRBI Technician

Craighead Conservation District employs an MRBI (Mississippi River Basin Initiative) Technician who is funded by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Ashton Nichols

WRP Technician



Britt Morrison

Craighead Conservation District employs a WRP (Wetland Reserve Program) Technician who is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Craighead County Projects

An EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection) project was completed in conjunction with the City of Jonesboro. The location was behind an apartment complex off Caraway Road along Higginbottom Creek, which drains a significant portion of Jonesboro. The slope was eroded and could have eventually caused problems for the apartments. The project started on July 10, 2012 and finished on August 17, 2012, with over 7,000 tons of rip rap used.



Mickey Seeman built a reservoir on Hwy. 226. The specs of the reservoir are:

Surface Area:	314 acres
Storage:	3,700 acre feet
Gallons of water when full:	1,205,566,560
Soil to build:	518,859 cubic yards



Federal Programs

The 2008 Farm Bill Programs made conservation districts responsible for organizing local work groups to identify and prioritize resource concerns in Craighead County.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP priorities in Arkansas are to reduce erosion; reduce pollution from animal wastes, nutrients and sediments; improve irrigation and reduce dependence on ground water for irrigation; forest improvements; improve grazing lands; and improve wildlife habitat.

WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (WRP)

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. This program provides technical and financial support to help landowners with wetland restoration. The goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat. This program offers landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation and wildlife practices and protection. Arkansas ranks second in the nation in number of acres enrolled.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides technical and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. The program provides assistance to farmers and ranchers in complying with Federal, State, and tribal environmental laws, and encourages environmental enhancement.

WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM (WHIP)

The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. Emphasis is on declining species: bobwhite quail, elk, neo-tropical migratory songbirds and threatened or endangered species. Good habitats are also being developed and managed for numerous game and nongame species.

Federal Programs

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP)

CSP is a voluntary program providing financial and technical assistance promoting the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on Tribal and Private working lands. The 2008 Farm Bill replaced the Conservation Security Program with the new Conservation Stewardship Program for fiscal years 2009 through 2017.

CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CTA)

The Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) program provides technical assistance supported by science based technology and tools to help people conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources on their land. The CTA program provides the technical capability, including conservation planning, design, and implementation assistance that helps people plan and apply conservation on the land. This assistance is provided to individuals, groups, and communities who make natural resource management decisions on private, tribal, and other non-federal lands.

AGRICULTURAL WATER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (AWEP)

The Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) is a voluntary conservation initiative that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to implement agricultural water enhancement activities on agricultural land for the purposes of conserving surface and ground water and improving water quality. As part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), AWEP operates through program contracts with producers to plan and implement conservation practices in project areas established through partnership agreements. The Secretary of Agriculture has delegated the authority for AWEP to the Chief of NRCS.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN HEALTHY WATERSHED INITIATIVE (MRBI)

MRBI improves the health of the Mississippi River Basin, including water quality and wildlife habitat. Through this Initiative, NRCS and its partners will help in selected watersheds in the Mississippi River Basin voluntarily implement conservation practices and systems that avoid, control, and trap nutrient runoff; improve wildlife habitat; and maintain agricultural productivity.

STATE PROGRAMS

IRRIGATION WELL REGISTRATION

Every irrigation well (approx. 3,500) in the county has to be registered every year from October to March 1. Crop and acres are reported along with payment. The data collected is entered into the computer in cooperation with the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission and United States Geological Survey via internet connection.

WATER CONSERVATION TAX CREDIT

The purpose of this program is to encourage water users to invest in (1) the construction of reservoirs to use available surface water, thereby reducing their dependence on ground water; (2) the conversion from ground water use to surface water use; and (3) land-leveling to reduce agricultural irrigation water use.

TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER (TSP)

Individuals providing technical assistance support and field services.

2013 funding brought into Craighead County through programs that the Craighead Conservation District has participated in.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	CONTRACTS OBLIGATED	ACRES	OBLIGATION AMOUNT
MRBI	11	1,470	\$ 601,845
CSP	7	12,169	\$ 316,699
EQIP	36	12,164	\$ 709,448
TOTAL	54	25,803	\$1,627,992

STATE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	APPLICANTS	AMOUNT
WELL REGISTRATION	324	\$ 36,450
TAX CREDITS	14	\$258,794
TSP		\$ 1,807
GRANTS TO DISTRICT		\$ 3,750
TOTAL	338	\$300,801

All programs of the Craighead County Conservation District are available on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or disability.

Thank You to the Craighead County Quorum Court for your continued support and financial assistance, which allows us to help farmers and landowners in our county and to educate the public about agriculture and the conservation of our natural resources.

CRAIGHEAD CONSERVER

MAY, 2013

NORTHEAST AREA MEETING HELD

The Northeast Area of Conservation Districts met on March 7, 2013, at the Technological Center of the Delta, in Wynne. The number in attendance was 63 and there were excellent speakers on cover crops, irrigation water management and the Arkansas Water Plan.

Officers elected were: Woody Ray, (Crittenden Co.) NE Area President
Jerry Don Clark, (Craighead Co.) NE Area Vice President
Tom Wimpy, (Poinsett Co.) Secretary/Treasurer

Nancy Smith, Lee Co. student, won the NE Area Dave Ferguson Scholarship Essay Contest.

The meeting concluded with a catfish and chicken lunch.

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED

'CSP' is a voluntary program which allows producers to maintain or increase productivity of their operations while also conserving natural resources. The program offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Applications are accepted year round and should be completed at the NRCS office.

THOSE WHO FEED AND CLOTHE US

Most people in this country never think about where the protein, vegetables and grains they consume come from. Many probably pause a moment to say grace, an appropriate response for the multitude of blessings they receive on a daily basis. But how many make time to consider the efforts that some farmer or rancher takes to assure that Americans enjoy an abundant, wholesome supply of food? And how many think about what a bargain they have on their dinner tables?



Folks go about their business, working, attending school, shopping and preparing meals, with no thought to the huge debt that is owed to the people who make those meals possible and who also provides the materials for the clothes, shoes and other essential items that are required on a daily basis.

One farmer produces enough food to feed 144 of those of us who are free to pursue other tasks. Farmers' efficiency frees the rest of us up to run banks, teach school, care for the sick, create art or fight fires.



Abundance. Nowhere can that word be used more appropriately than in a typical American grocery store. We expect milk to be available. We anticipate the produce aisle will be stocked with fresh vegetables and fruit. We count on a meat counter with slabs of beef, pork chops and chicken.....We come to expect both abundance and convenience.

Craighead Conservation District Information

Directors:

Alec Farmer-Chairman
Greg Nall-Vice Chairman
Danny Finch-Secretary
Mike Hook-Member
Jerry Don Clark-Member

District Staff:

Vicki King, District Secretary
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Ashton Nichols, MRBI Technician
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EXPORTS

Global economic performance and population growth drive demand for food and agricultural products, providing the foundation for agricultural trade and U.S. exports.

Historically, bulk commodities-wheat, rice, coarse grains, oilseeds, cotton, and tobacco-accounted for most of U. S. agricultural exports. However, in the 1990's, U.S. exports of high-value products (HVP)-meats, poultry, live animals, oilseed meals, vegetable oils, fruit, vegetables, and beverages, showed steady growth, while exports of bulk commodities tended to fluctuate more widely, particularly in response to global supplies and prices.

While grains and feeds are our leading export group, both oilseeds and products and animals and animal products are the next largest export groups. Growth of U.S. exports to Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, and Asian markets have been an important factor raising HVP exports since 1990.

Canada became the leading U.S. agricultural export destination in 2002, replacing Japan. Mexico moved into second position ahead of Japan in 2005.

Other important destinations for U.S. agricultural exports include the European Union and Asia, particularly China.

ARKANSAS'S NATIONAL RANKINGS IN AGRICULTURE



1st
Rice



1st
Baitfish



2nd
Broilers



3rd
Catfish



3rd
Turkeys



3rd
Cotton



5th
Sweet Potatoes



6th
Grain Sorghum

A Ripe Moment



A small boy was looking at the red ripe tomatoes growing in the farmer's garden. "I'll give you my two pennies for that tomato," said the boy pointing to a beautiful, large, ripe fruit hanging on the vine. "No," said the farmer, "I get a dime for a tomato like that one." The small boy pointed to a smaller green one, "Will you take two pennies for that one?" "Yes," replied the farmer, "I'll give you that one for two cents." "OK," said the lad, sealing the deal by putting the coins in the farmer's hand, "I'll pick it up in about a week."

10 OF THE WORLD'S WORST INVASIVE SPECIES

10. Kudzu— Also known as the “mile-a-minute vine” and “the vine that ate the South.” The Kudzu vine is native to Japan but was first brought to the United States in 1876. Since its introduction, Kudzu has been spreading across the U.S. at a rate as fast as 150,000 acres annually.



9. The Black Rat—The species originated in tropical Asia, but is believed to have reached Europe by the first century A.D. before spreading across the world. Since then, the black rat has thrived in just about every region of the world.

8. The Asian Tiger Mosquito—This mosquito is native to tropical and subtropical areas of Southeast Asia. The tiger mosquito is believed to be spread through the international tire trade, as tires stored outside tend to retain rainwater and provide the ideal breeding and living conditions for the mosquito.



7. The Cotton Whitefly— Adult whiteflies measure just a millimeter long by the time they reach adulthood, but are known to feast on 900 different kinds of plants worldwide. While whiteflies are believed to have originated in India, you'll find them thriving on every single continent but Antarctica.

6. The Snakehead Fish—The Snakehead Fish have sharp, shark-like teeth; an appetite for blood; can grow to over three feet in length; can lay up to 75,000 eggs a year; and can even breathe and migrate on land. They were originally native to East Asian waters, but have decimated native food chains in the US ranging from Maine to California.



5. The Asian Longhorned Beetle—The Beetle spends the most destructive period of its life in a larval stage, during which time it tunnels and feeds on the layer of trees found between their bark and their wood. Originally native to countries in Asia like Japan, infestations were first detected in New York around 1996, but quickly spread to the majority of the East coast.

4. The Burmese Python—The huge snakes can grow to upwards of 20 feet in length and are native to the tropic and subtropic areas of Southern Asia. They were accidentally introduced into the wild in Florida where an estimated 30,000 pythons have made a habit of feasting on a variety of endangered birds and alligators.



3. The Cane Toad—This toad is native to South and Central America, but was introduced to regions of Hawaii, the Caribbean, and the Philippines to fight pests in sugarcane fields. They can grow to over 30 cm in length and secrete toxins capable of killing just about any animal they come in contact with.

2. The European/Common Rabbit—This rabbit is native to southern Europe and North Africa but is found on about every continent but Antarctica and Asia. An English farmer in Australia introduced 24 grey rabbits to his plot of land and in 10 years the rabbits had bred with local rabbits on such a prolific scale that two million could be shot or trapped annually without having a noticeable impact on the population.



1. The Nile Perch—The Nile Perch is native to a number of freshwater African lake and river systems. This fish can grow up to 2 meters in length and weigh in at over 200 kg.