

# Outdoor Seed Collection Activity

Take a walk around your neighborhood, local park or Hoyt Arboretum and collect different seeds that you find.

## Supplies:

- Empty egg carton
- Field Guide ID (below)
- Seed Dispersal Chart



## Instructions:

- Use the egg carton a collection tray as you take a walk looking for seeds.
- Print out a copy of the Field Guide ID sheet to give you hints on what to look for on your hunt.
- Look for seeds in tree cones, on flowers, and even inside of fruits or berries that you find.
- Can you name the type of dispersal method (by using the chart) for each seed that you find. How did it get to the location of where you found it? If found on the plant, how do you think it would travel?
- Which seeds did you find most? Did you notice seeing more of that plant?



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# Seed Dispersal Chart

## How Seeds Travel

### by the wind



milkweed



dandelion



maple

### by animals



beggar-ticks



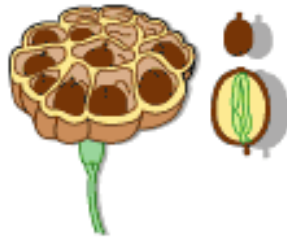
sandbur



blackberry

### by water

lotus



cattail



coconut

### by bursting

violet



jewelweed



witch hazel

### by humans



bean



wheat



cherry

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# Seeds Field Guide ID

