

**Outdoor Classroom Tip**  
***Seed Scavenger Hunt***

This activity helps students to focus more closely on the things around them. The goal is to become aware of the diversity of seeds, and the many ways in which they are dispersed. You will be surprised by how many other things the students find while looking for seeds.

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## SEED SCAVANGER HUNT

-Ask the students why a seed would want to move away from it's parent.

-“Scat” is another term for animal droppings. Animals eat fruit, then poop the seeds out away from the plant.

-some plants such as knot-weed (pictured), jewelweed, and witch hazel shoot seeds away from the plant.

-Swimmers are seed that float away from the plant. Coconuts are a good example, they float on the ocean from island to island.

<p><b>FLOATERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feathery plumes attached to these seeds cause them to glide through the air.</li> </ul> 	
<p><b>ROLLERS</b></p> 	
<p><b>HITCHHIKERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two hooks on these seeds get caught in fur and on clothing.</li> </ul> 	
<p><b>“SCAT”TERERS</b></p> 	
<p><b>TWIRLERS</b></p> <p>Some people say these seeds flutter away from the tree like tiny helicopters.</p> 	
<p><b>SHOOTERS</b></p> 	
<p><b>SWIMMERS</b></p>	