Seed Museum

Put the different kinds of seeds you find on display!

Have you ever seen a parachute seed? At TreePeople we know that seeds come in many shapes and sizes - hitchhiker seeds, helicopter seeds, food seeds, and more! Have fun creating a seed museum - a special space for you and your family to collect and display the different seeds that you find in your yard or along a walk.

Make your museum:

• Use a box, or a crate turned on its side, or a designated spot in your house, like on top of a bookcase or table
• You can add blocks to create different heights or levels
• Create labels for your seeds to share and teach others

Types of seeds to find and add to your museum:

• Hitchhiker seeds: These are the type of seeds that stick in your socks. They can be sticky, prickly, or even have fine hairs that catch and hang on to clothes and animal fur. An example are different weed seeds like cocklebur or burclover.

• Propeller seeds: These are the type of seeds that have a wing on them. When they are caught by the wind, they twirl around like a helicopter propeller so they can fly through the sky. An example of propeller seeds are those found in pine cones, Maple, or Tipu trees.

• Parachute seeds: These are the type of seeds that have a fluffy top that allows them to float in the wind. An example of this kind of seed is the fluffy part that follows after a yellow dandelion flower. These are the kind that we all love to pick and blow, sending the fluff floating in the wind.

We want to share your seed museum!
Post to your social media and tag us at treepeople_org #greenquarantine
• **Roasted or dried edible seeds**: These are seeds that we eat. These include pumpkin and sunflower seeds. It also includes rice, beans and popcorn.

• **Fruit/vegetable seeds**: These are seeds that we can find in our fruit and vegetables. Some examples include apples, bell pepper, and bananas, if you look carefully. A strawberry has its seeds on the outside!

• **Floating seeds**: These seeds float so that they can survive in water. An example is a coconut. It is the seed of a palm tree that can float on water to reach land where they can grow.

• **Exploding seeds**: These are seeds that when they are ready to emerge from their pods, they explode out and spread. An example of this are pods of wild cucumber or wisteria.

All of these different seeds are designed to allow them to travel, whether it’s exploding, flying or floating away from the main plant.

Keep adding to your museum when you find seeds in your yard.

Sometimes it takes some detective work to find the seeds on a plant. Or, waiting until the right time for them to emerge.