

Seed Spotter



Every tree starts off their lives as seeds. Use the spotter sheet below to find as many seeds as you can.



Seeds can come in all shapes and sizes. We have catkins, berries, samaras, pine cones and many more. Trees are stuck in one place, so their seeds need to spread out to make sure they survive. Animals such as birds will eat the berries on trees, the wind can blow some helicopter shaped seeds away and some will be scattered by water.

What you'll need

- Seed spotter sheet (below)
- Pen or pencil
- Clipboard (optional – will help to write or draw on)
- Binoculars (optional)

What to do/instructions:

1. Go outside and explore your local park or woodland
2. Walk around and find some trees – larger trees are better for spotting seeds!
3. Have a look at the base of the tree – what seeds can you see? Are there seeds on the tree?
4. Tick the box next to the seed when you see it (binoculars can help see, up close and high up seeds).
5. Can't see your seed on the sheet? Draw or take a picture of the seeds to identify them at home

Some ideas:

Our *Tree ID sheet* will help you identify lots of different species you can find while exploring in the Spring and Summer. If there are no leaves on the trees check out our *Tree Bud* spotter sheet that will help you figure out what tree you're looking at in Autumn and Winter!

Why not try growing your own tree by picking up a seed and burying it. You can download our *Tree Life Cycle* sheet to help you.

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Seed Spotter Activity Sheet

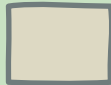
Oak Acorn



Sycamore Samaras



Hawthorn Berries



Alder Cones



Birch Catkins



Beech Mast



Ash Keys



Cherry Berries



Goat Willow Catkins



Seed 1
Name:

Seed 2
Name:

Seed 3
Name: