



Seed dispersal

Seeds dispersed by the wind

Trees and plants that have light seeds, with feathery bristles can be carried long distances by the wind. Some trees and plants have 'winged' seeds. They don't float away but flutter to the ground.



Seeds dispersed by water



Trees and plants which
grow beside water often
rely on water to transport
their seeds for them.



Seeds dispersed by animals

Some animals and birds collect seeds and bury them in the ground, sometimes forgetting them. Some animals and birds eat berries and excrete the seed out again. Sticky seeds such as burrs stick to fur and feathers.



Seeds dispersed by exploding



Some plants throw their seeds away when they are ripe. This is a type of rapid plant movement.

