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Activity 3 - How do Maple Seeds Travel?

Some seeds have wings that let them fly on their own. The seeds from maple, elm and ash trees have curved wings to let them stay in the air longer. Maple seeds twirl and spin around. Seeds must be light enough and a certain size to fly high in the sky. The wind will pick up the maple seeds and carry them to suitable ground. They will then drop and sprout a new maple tree. Some people call maple seeds “helicopter seeds” because they look like and can spin like a propeller.

In this activity you will learn how to make your own spinner!

You will need: 1 paper clip, scissors, one piece of paper and a ruler.

Activity Instructions:

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