

Seeds

Milkwort

Sand Milkwort

At the bottom of the seed is a tidbit that attracts ants that nibble the seed and carry it off a short distance.



as does the Cornflower seed

Cowslip

Yellow Cape Cowslip

The end of the seed is hollow which may help it to float in water or be carried by the wind.



Larkspur

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The papery fringe that wraps around the seed helps it to ride the wind.

Other windborne seeds have wings that help them to drift.



Yellow Owl's Clover

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Wind-dispersed
seeds may have a
honeycomb texture
to help it to be light
but strong.

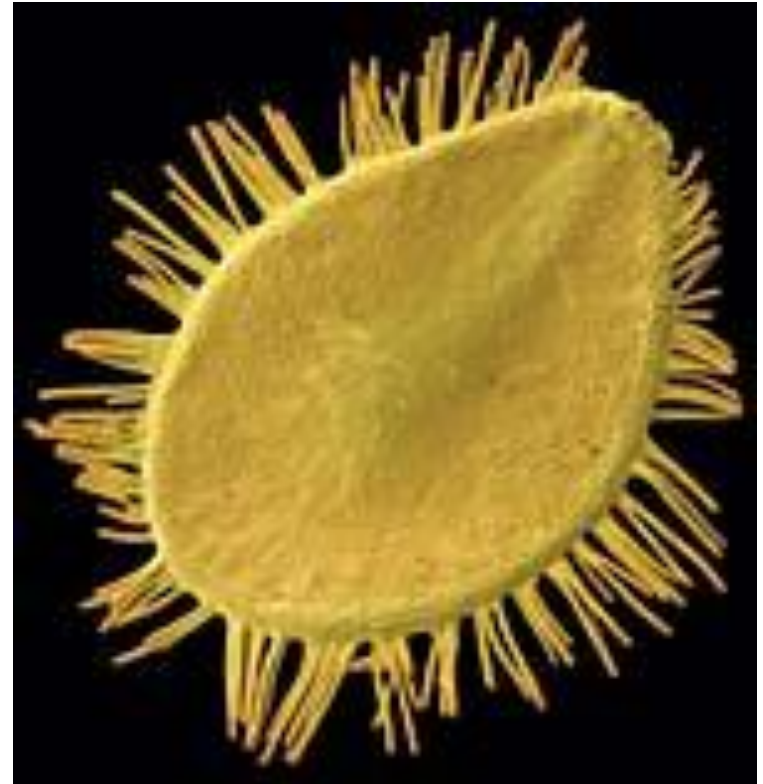


as does the Yellow
Paintbrush seed



Yellow Floating Heart

Yellow Floating Heart is flat and water-repellent with a border of stiff hairs to help it to stay afloat and stick to the feathers of waterbirds.



Tongue Leaf

Tongue Leaf seeds are warty-looking and are thrown from capsules that rupture when as they dry out.



Source

Seeds: Time Capsules of Life

by R. Kessler and W.
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Stunning Seeds

Seeds - Time Capsules of Life, by artist Rob Kessler and Kew seed morphologist Wolfgang Stuppy, is a new popular science book. It gives a highly readable account of the natural history of seeds

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