MAPLE SEED COPTER

In autumn, many plants are busy dispersing their seeds. Seeds travel with the help of water, animals, and wind. Maple seeds, or samaras, are dispersed by wind and have a special helicopter shape to help them travel. Follow the directions to make your own maple seed copter!

Step 1
Decorate!

Step 2
Cut out the rectangle shape

Step 3
Cut along the ‘cut’ lines

Step 4
Fold along the long ‘fold’ lines to form the body and along the short ‘fold’ lines to form the blades (these should be folded in opposite directions)

Step 5
Attach a paperclip to the base

Step 6
Hold above your head, let go and watch your seed copter fly! Compare how your copter moves to a real maple samara!

TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN