

Himalayan Balsam seed pods pop open throwing their seeds up to 7 metres away.
Can you make a Popping Seed Pod? How far will your seeds travel?

HOW TO MAKE A POPPING SEED POD

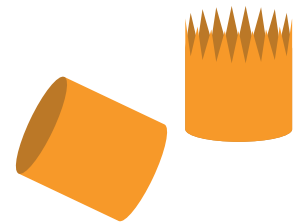
- 1 Cut the top off a balloon.



- 2 Tie a knot at the end of the balloon.



- 3 Cut the toilet roll in half. At one end cut lots of thin triangles to create spikes.



- 4 Pull the balloon over the bottom of the toilet roll (keep the spikes at the top) and hold it in place with sticky tape.



- 5 Fill the pod with seeds. You can decide what to use for seeds. Some ideas are rice, baby pasta, small playdough balls, rolled up paper, polystyrene balls.

- 6 To fire your seed pod, pull the knot down and release! How far did your seeds go? Are some seeds better than others?