

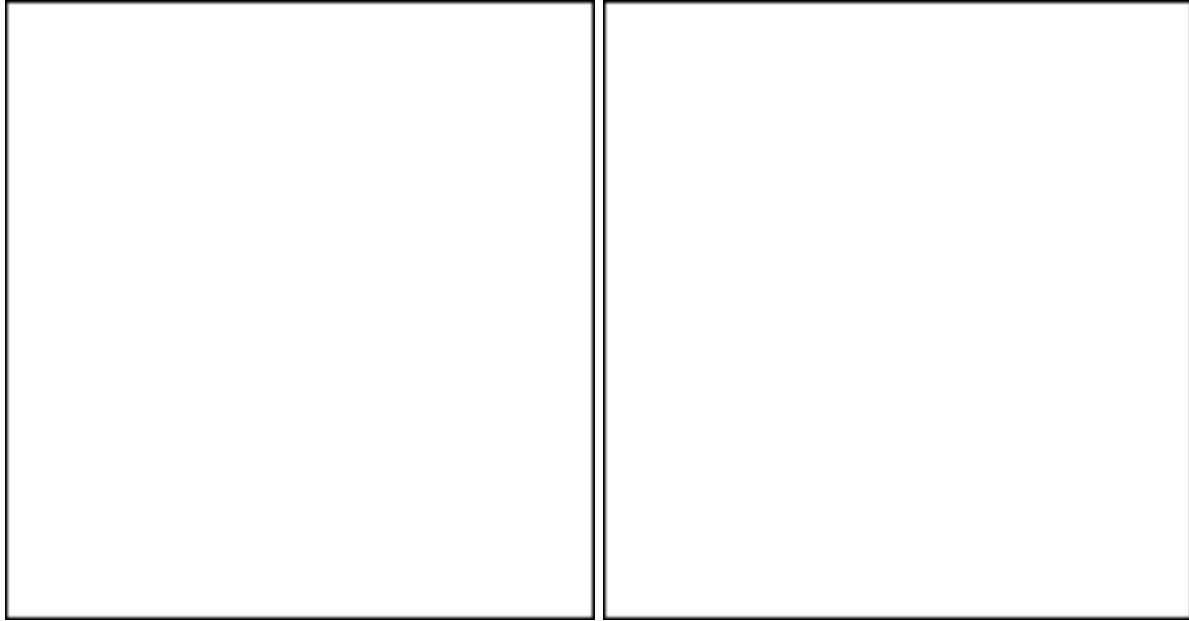
The weather has started to change, so this month we will be looking for signs of fall.

Plant Life:

Many seeds are ripe now. Ripening at the end of summer allows the seeds to fall and lie on the ground until spring and also provides food for migrating birds. Seeds and berries may be found in the grass or on trees and shrubs.

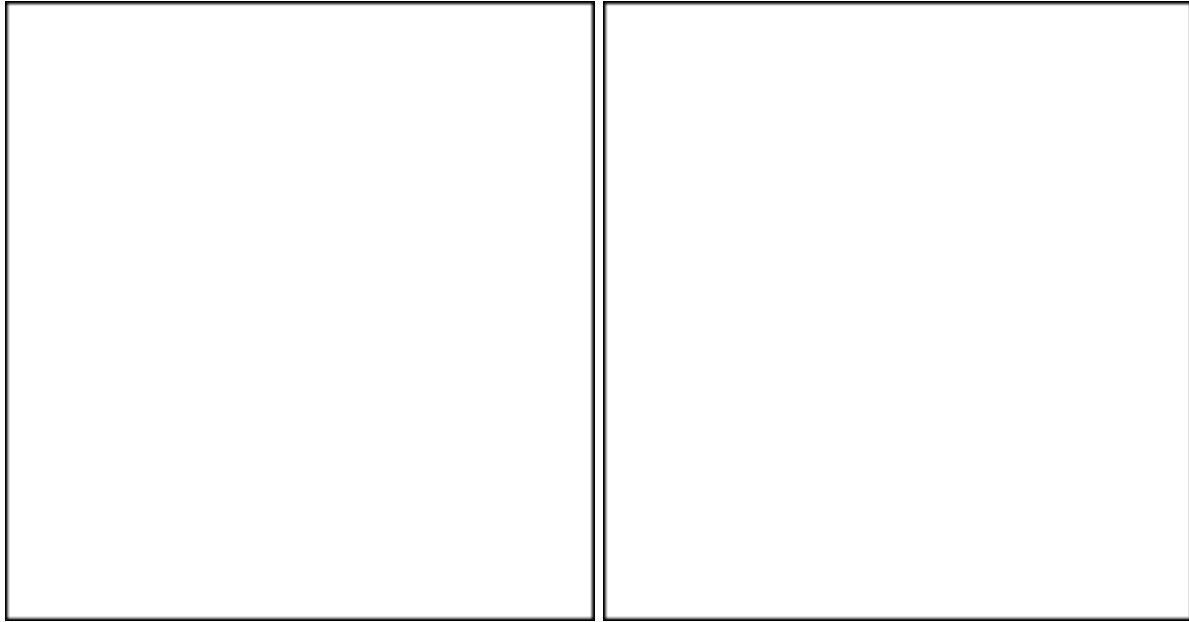
Can you find four different kinds of seeds:

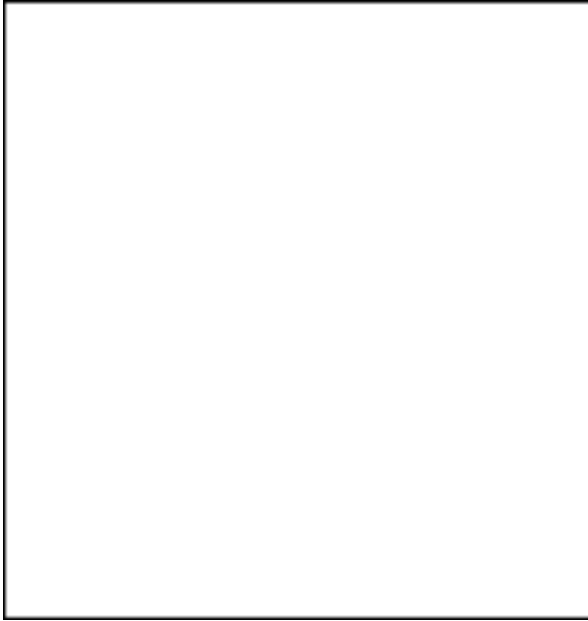
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You will also see that many plants are dying or losing their leaves after a summer of growth. Plants that live only for a year are known as **annuals**, while plants that live year after year are called **perennials**. Some plants grow for one year then flower and seed in the second year, these are called **biennials**.

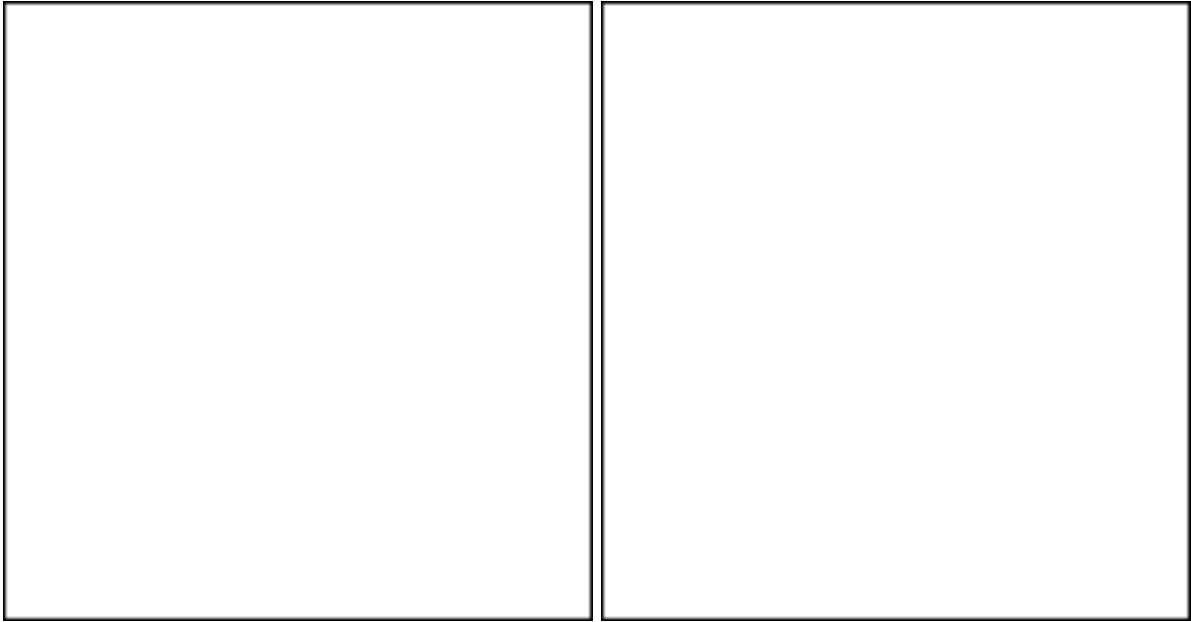
Draw an example of each kind of plant:

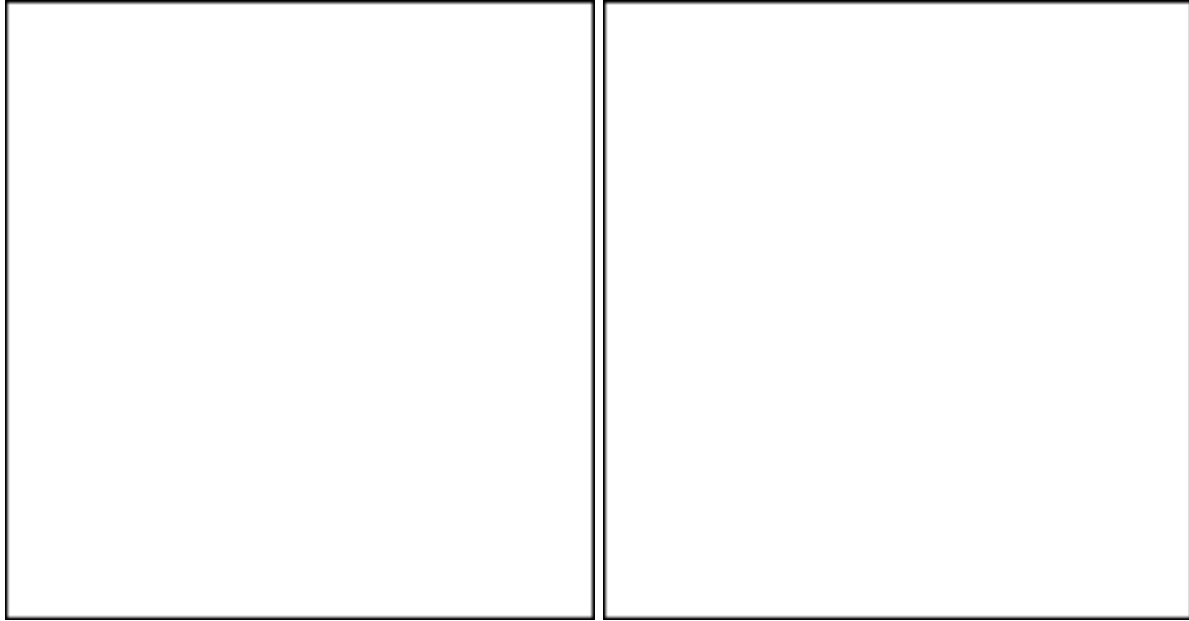




Trees and shrubs that lose their leaves are called **deciduous**. Many of these leaves turn brilliant colors in the fall as the trees stop producing **chlorophyll** and become dormant. Chlorophyll is the green pigment in leaves. When chlorophyll stops being produced the other pigments in the leaf are able to shine through.

Can you find four different colored leaves?





Evergreen trees don't lose their leaves all at once. Instead they shed a little bit at a time throughout the year as new leaves grow and old ones die. Some evergreens are **conifers** while other are not.

Find two examples of evergreen trees.

